

North Branch City Council

Work Session

Date of Meeting: September 17, 2015

Present: Councilmembers: Theresa Furman, Kathy Blomquist, Joyce Borchardt, Robert Canada, and Kirsten Hagen-Kennedy.

Also Present: City Administrator Konrad, GIS Specialist Sondrol, Public Works Director Williams, City Engineer Wilson, Planner Roberts and Finance Director Hill

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Act on Alzheimer's

Act on Alzheimer's representative Barb Nelson appeared before Council to discuss Alzheimer's in the Community and the various programs they are working on.

III. Wildridge Warming House

Sondrol outlined the recommendation of the Parks Commission with regard to the Wildridge Warming House. Sondrol indicated that the Park Dedication Fund could pay for purchasing a structure for Wildridge Park for a warming house but couldn't for rental of a unit. Council agreed to add this to the Agenda for next week's Council meeting for formal approval to move forward with construction of a new facility.

IV. 20 Year Growth

Konrad indicated there has been several discussions surrounding areas for 20-year growth so maps were distributed to all Councilmembers and the Planning Commission to see if there were areas for change that were common, unfortunately, there were not a lot of common ideas. We are still at a stalemate regarding changes to the comp plan and zoning. Konrad asked Council to discuss and see if there are areas that Council can agree upon. Council and staff discussed potential financial impacts to the City's services because of removal of units from the 20-year growth area. There was extensive discussion on barriers to getting sewer north of the river. Konrad suggested that the Council should possibly consider a City project to get it under the river so it is accessible for developers on the northwest side of the City. This item will be further discussed at the November work session. Konrad will get an opinion from the City Attorney over what takes precedence, the comp plan or zoning ordinance.

V. Annual Sidewalk Snow Removal & Acceptance of Septage Annual Review

Williams reviewed the sidewalk snow removal policy with Council. Council agreed to add Williams indicated there were no negative impacts from septage acceptance. Staff will continue with the current policy.

VI. Conduit Bonding Proposal – Family Pathways

Konrad outlined the proposal for conduit bonding for Family Pathways. Konrad said that due to the non-profit status they could use the City's bonding capacity. Staff indicated that Family Pathways has asked for a reduced fee for this conduit bonding. Council asked staff to contact Family Pathways and ask what their proposed reduced fee would be.

Konrad noted that Blomquist is not able to attend training on the 21st so she needs to coordinate dates. Calendar dates were discussed and there were no dates that worked for everyone. Council discussed whether to continue meeting.

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Larry Beach addressed Council regarding a piece of property he is working on developing. Konrad explained that the Comp Plan and the Ordinance are not in sync. Blomquist left the meeting at this point. Konrad noted that Mr. Beach is asking to have the burden of sewer and water transferred to the City by having to put the sewer and water in later and assess the residents which would be problematic. Konrad noted that Mr. Beach should submit a comp plan amendment request specific to his project.

Adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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