

JOHNSTON CITY COUNCIL

Worksession No. 08-15

Johnston City Hall, 6221 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, Iowa 50131

August 4, 2008

6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dierenfeld called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Clabaugh, Tingley, Culbert, Hibbs, Kallen

Absent: None

3. DISCUSS PAYMENT FOR THE PARKING LOT ADJACENT TO THE LIBRARY BY THE JOHNSTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

City Administrator Jim Sanders reviewed the events leading to the City's request for payment to the Historical Society.

Mary Jane Paez of the Johnston Station Historical Society noted that she had provided a letter to the Mayor and Council requesting the Historical Society be released from paying for the parking lot. She went on to state that it had been the Society's understanding that the revenue from the rental of the Simpson Barn would be going toward the payment of the Society's portion of the parking lot.

Council Members Clabaugh, Kallen, Hibbs and Kallen noted their approval of writing off the Historical Society's portion of the parking lot due to the contribution the Society makes to the community as well as the amount of time that had passed since construction had occurred.

Finance Director Teresa Rotschafer noted that an action item relating to the write off would be on the August 18 agenda.

4. DISCUSS THE EMERGENCY/DISASTER RESPONSE PLAN

Chief Krohse, Johnston Fire Department, reviewed the disaster plan and noted that the floods had provided a chance to put this plan into effect.

He also noted that he would provide updated FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS) training recommendations to the Mayor and Council Members.

5. DISCUSS RETAINING WALL IN RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 6929 NORTHGLENN WAY

Public Works Director Dave Cubit noted that the City had been made aware of a number of retaining walls that had been built in the Right-of-Way. He advised that he was request direction from the Council on the handling of these cases.

David Lichtenauer, 6929 Northglenn Way, one of the residents potentially impacted by this issue, appeared before the Council and noted that his wall had been constructed in an effort to curb erosion that would possibly occur after the City built a sidewalk on the northwest corner of his property in 1998.

Cubit noted that the City now required a Right-of-Way Permit for any work that would occur in the right-of-way, which provided visibility to potential problems.

Council Member Culbert suggested using the date the Right-of-Way Permit requirement went into effect as the cutoff date for enforcement. Properties constructed prior to the permit requirement would be grandfathered in. The other Council members agreed to this proposal.

Cubit noted that he would bring the Ordinance change back to the Council at a future meeting.

Due to time constraints, items 6 and 7 were moved to the Regular Council Agenda.

6. ~~DISCUSS CHAPTER 166.35 OF CITY ORDINANCES REGARDING ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS~~

7. ~~DISCUSS PROPOSED POLICY CHANGES AND UPDATES REGARDING THE JOHNSTON NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM~~

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Paula S. Dierenfeld, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cyndee D. Rhames, City Clerk