

The Council met in regular session and in compliance with agenda posted at City Hall, Post Office and First Bank of Nebraska with each Council member being notified of agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Loren Lindahl at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor informed the public of the location of posting of the Open Meetings Law. Roll call was taken with the following Council members present: Mike Lawver, Greg Kavan, Gerry Tyler, Stuart Krejci, Jim Svoboda, and Kevin Dunbar.

Motion was made by Lawver, seconded by Dunbar, to approve the following items listed on the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of December 22, 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Council
2. Minutes of January 5, 2017 meeting of Planning Commission
3. Licenses: Plumbers: Randy Damewood, The Waldinger Corp, LaVista; Derek Turner, Bryant Air Cond & Htg Co., Lincoln; Doug Hedges, TSI Mechanical, LLC, LaVista. HVAC: Scott Getzschman, Getzschman Heating, LLC, Fremont; Larry Brainard, Brainard Heating & A/C, Inc., Waverly; Fred Hendry, Hendry Heating & Air, Omaha; Reginald P. Bosn, Krauter - Bosn Service Co., Lincoln; Gregory K. Krauter, Krauter - Bosn Service Co., Lincoln; Richard Kusleika, Standard Heating & Air Conditioning, LaVista; Bradley W. Ohlmann, Custom Cooling, Lincoln; John Salmans, Service One, Omaha. Electricians: Leslie Shallberg, Fremont Electric, Fremont; Cory Vandenberg, Vandenberg Electric & Communications, David City; Mike R. Fitzgerald, Getzschman Heating, LLC, Fremont; Scott Roumph, SECO Electrical Inc., Cedar Bluffs; Brian Allison, Sentry Electric, Lincoln; Kevin Jackson, Rosenbaum Electric Inc, Omaha.

Roll call vote: Lawver, yes; Dunbar, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; Krejci, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

Department reports were presented. Cody Hull, Fire Chief, and Chris Rappl, Assistant Chief, presented a report to the Council and discussed goals and planning. Beavers reported an upcoming conditional use request, a new subdivision, and working on nuisance enforcement. Jackson reported several businesses posted messages recognizing Law Enforcement Appreciation day, and thanked the community for its support. Harrell reported meeting with employees regarding the comparability study, COLA request, and working on placing positions on the new wage scales. Svoboda reported the Airport Authority met. Lawver reported the Street committee met regarding the Chestnut Street project and timeline. The Mayor suggested work needs to be done to educate the public of the plans and importance of the project.

Harrell reported Cost of Living Adjustments done or planned by other communities. A motion was made by Krejci, seconded by Dunbar, to approve a 2% Cost of Living Adjustment for all full-time and regular part-time employees, effective January 14, 2017 (payroll issued on January 27, 2017). Roll call vote: Krejci, yes; Dunbar, yes; Lawver, yes; Kavan, yes; Tyler, yes; and Svoboda, yes. Absent and not voting: none. Motion carried.

When the new Subdivision Regulations were adopted, fees for recovering engineering review costs for new development was included. There was discussion of whether these fees would apply to a subdivision with preliminary plat approved several years ago, and progressing in phases with final plats. There was discussion of a review fee for a revised plat. No action taken.

The Mayor suggested holding a Council retreat to discuss the Chestnut Street project, and City reorganization.

Amy Needham stated she wants to refuse placement of a Knox Box on her business. Beavers reported this was discussed some time ago as a recommendation by the State Fire Marshal, as a condition for occupancy certificate for commercial space. Hull reported on how the boxes work, and security and safeguards in place within the Fire Department when utilizing them for access to buildings. Hull stated the boxes are not required by state statute, but may be required by local governments. This will be discussed further.

Denise Lawver presented the library report.

Beavers reported the Planning Commission discussed subdivision fees and sidewalk requirements in new subdivisions, and will also work on other issues and suggest options for change.

Motion by Lawver, seconded by Kavan to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

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Lucinda Morrow, Deputy Clerk

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Loren L. Lindahl, Mayor