

## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

March 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Berbee at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Berbee.

**INVOCATION:** The Invocation was given by Mayor Berbee.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alan Seymour, Donald Boerger, Henk Berbee, J.R. Rausch, Mark Reams, and Aaron J. Carpenter. Deborah Groat excused.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** *City Manager Terry Emery, Police Chief Floyd Golden, Fire Chief Jay Riley, Public Service Director Mike Andrako, City Engineer Jeremy Hoyt, IT Director Aaron Story, Economic Development Director Eric Phillips, Human Resources Director/Strategic Planning Facilitator Brian Dostanko, Clerk of Council Rebecca Dible, Journal Tribune Mac Cordell.*

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **1) Strategic Planning Discussion**

Strategic Facilitator Dostanko urged Councilmen to review the Department/Division SWOTs (Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats) which had been discussed at the February 29<sup>th</sup> Strategic Work Session. He also told Council he would email worksheets to assist their efforts in reviewing goals and key action steps. Finally he advised Councilmen to communicate with each other on a one-on-one basis to discuss their individual priorities prior to the upcoming Strategic Work Session scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020.

#### **2) Follow up Discussion on City Council Live Streaming**

City Manager Emery explained Council had requested a recommendation from Administration regarding the direction in which to move forward regarding the live streaming/videoing of Council meetings. Administration's recommendation is to move forward with the proposal from Swagit Productions in a one year contract and reevaluate after one year. The recommendation was based on the level of turn-key services offered by Swagit, including FCC mandated ADA requirements for closed captioning as well as the high level of professionalism in the product provided.

There was much general discussion amongst Council members. Discussion included topics such as the cost of the services in relation to the City Budget, parameters and potential measurables for cities, specific offerings by Swagit Productions, these services in relation to the general request of citizens for more communication from the City, the concern that some citizens may not want to be videoed, and the potential for grandstanding. Overall, Administration agreed to further research and coordinate with the Law Director in order to bring the topic to Council for a vote.

## **CITY MANAGER & COUNCIL COMMENTS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

### *Councilman Reams:*

Suggested removing “City Manager & Council Comments and General Discussion” from the Work Session Agendas.

### *Councilman Rausch:*

Preferred to leave “City Manager & Council Comments and General Discussion” on the Work Session Agendas.

### *Councilman Carpenter:*

Was disappointed to hear the level of frustration of some regarding his initiative to stream Council meetings from his phone, as his intent was to do right by the citizens’ request. He asked others for input in order to do whatever he could to make the streaming less frustrating for others involved.

At 6:51 p.m. Councilman Reams moved to adjourn to executive session to consider confidential information related to specific business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance, was seconded by Councilman Rausch, and the question put, stood:

Mr. Seymour YES; Mr. Boerger YES; Mr. Berbee YES;  
Mr. Rausch YES; Mr. Reams YES; Mr. Carpenter YES.  
Vote 6-0 in favor; Motion carried.

Council Adjourned to Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to take before Council, Councilman Rausch moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.; the voice vote in favor was unanimous.