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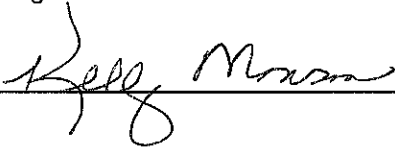
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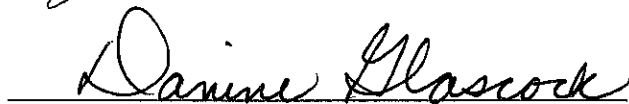
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NOTICE

Minutes of the special meeting of the Buffalo City Council held on January 19, 2022. Meeting called to order by Mayor Sally Rodriguez, at 6:00pm. All members with a "M" after their name participated electronically for the meeting. All other participants were in the Council Chambers. Present Mary Moore, Ted Teel, Austin Miller, Brandon Berg, Joe Buffington, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, City Attorney William McCullough, and City Clerk Tanna Leonard.

Mayor Rodriguez requested that the discussion of Judy's Barge Inn move ahead of item 2 on the agenda.

Terri Reitz from Judy's Barge Inn and Scott Robinson from J.L. Brady participated electronically.

Public Works Director Josh Ferkel explained that he hired Western Leak Detection to detect a leak within the system last week. It was determined that the leak was at 600 Front Street, Judy's Barge Inn. The detection company estimated that it was 10-20 feet north of the curb box under the concrete and leaking at an estimated 10-20 gallons per minute. Ferkel sent a letter stating that they had ten days to correct the problem, or he would be disconnecting them until it was corrected.

Mayor Rodriguez confirmed that the letter was sent on January 13, 2022 and had a correction/shut off date of January 23, 2022.

Scott explained that he received the information from Judy on Monday and met with her onsite yesterday and confirmed that there is a leak. They have developed a plan to remedy the situation but are currently backlogged for several reasons. They are seeking the leniency of the council at this point because they are currently two and a half weeks out for scheduling. Once the work has started it will take approximately three days.

Buffington asked for clarification on the issue as J.L. Brady had repaired a leak several months ago.

Teel mentioned that the leak is estimated to be losing 21,600 gallons per day.

Scott explained that it is unknown how much is being lost but he does not notice any deficiencies in the pressure inside the building. So, it leads him to believe that 80% of the water is getting into the building but it is unknown the actual amount of water being lost.

Buffington asked how long it had been leaking.

Ferkel explained that the usage at the water plant had gone up significantly last week and that usually indicates a leak or issue, so he hired Western Leak Detection to identify the issues. Normally the water plant is pumping 160,000 gallons per day and we were up to 202,000 per day. It becomes an issue when we are hitting the threshold of the maximum capacity that we can produce in a day.

Teel explained that we have went rounds the last time this happened, and it went over thirty days. If this were a residential issue the water would be shut off no questions asked.

Teel motioned that there be no extension on the due date for the repairs to be completed.

Scott asked about the residents and how it correlates with health safety guidelines.

Mr. McCullough explained that if the residential water was shut off and the city had concerns with the health and safety, they could require them to vacate the premise until the issue was resolved.

Scott explained that Judy hired them immediately and he intends to get them in the schedule as soon as possible but with weather, and labor shortages, this is the soonest.

Buffington asked if the city could remove the concrete to expedite the project.

Scott explained that this would probably be able to get in a day sooner on the 31st of January.

Berg asked if it was possible to shut the water off when Judy's wasn't in operation to reduce the water loss but allow the business to operate.

Ferkel explained that there would be a potential for contaminants to get in the system by eliminating the pressure with a leak in the line. It was also noted that Judy's residence is on the second floor.

Teel mentioned that the water loss for 20 days would be 423,000 gallons.

Terri and Scott reiterated that this is an estimated. Teel explained that we are not interested in charging for this but wanted

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to let them know that this a significant loss to the system. Teel also explained that if this is a resident it would have been shut off.

Scott explained that this is a business, a lively hood, and income generated to the city unlike a residence. That is why they are seeking an extension and are at the mercy of the council.

Berg noted that if an extension was granted, that in the future, we would need to keep the same policy.

Teel explained that the water was also leaking into the storm drain and is not acceptable.

Scott asked what the process was, or how it was identified that the leak was infiltrating the storm sewer. Ferkel explained that it was visually identifiable in the storm drain, prior to the weather melt.

Mayor Rodriguez stated that Ted had a motion on the table and asked if there was a second.

The motion was seconded by Miller and carried unanimously.

Terri from Judy's Barge Inn asked for clarification. Mayor Rodriguez explained that the council did not extend the shut off. Terri explained that it wasn't possible to have this corrected by Sunday morning and that this closure would most likely shut them down for good.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to move into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.6 (j) to discuss the purchase or sale of real estate at 6:28pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to move from closed session at 6:36pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to move forward with what was agreed upon during the closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rodriguez asked that we discuss item 6 before 5 as Mr. McCullough had another meeting to attend.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to move into closed session per Iowa Code 388.9 to discuss competitive information at 6:38pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to move from closed session at 6:45pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to move forward with what was agreed upon during the closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk discussed the process for the Max Levy Hearing and proposed a couple of ideas to present as the Maximum amount that the city could levy. The city typically keeps the same levy rate and with the increase in taxable valuation the additional funds cover the increase in consumer pricing, wages, and benefits. However, with the consumer price index at an all-time high we may have to consider increasing the levy. Clerk would work with the council in the next few weeks to review options to keep these increases minimized but requested to set the Max Levy around 10%.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to set the Max Levy rate not to exceed 10%. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Moore to approve resolution 2022-06 setting the date for the Max Levy Hearing for February 07, 2022, at 6:00pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to approve resolution 2022-07 approving FY22 budget amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Teel and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Sally Rodriguez, Mayor
Tanna Leonard, City Clerk