

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Redeker at 6:18 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Ald. Redeker, Ald. Sertich, Ald. Toellner

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Moede, Ald. Pasbrig, Ald. Schaefer, Deanna Boldrey, Kathie Wild, Ben Brown, Mike Kurutz, Katie Leb, Megan Sheridan, Kara Johnson, Douglas Gouff, Dena Gouff

Item #2 – Approve Minutes of January 16, 2012.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner the minutes of the January 16, 2012, meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizens Comments.

Douglas Gouff of Donald Street came to the podium. He and his wife Dena have a garden plot but would like something closer. Doug reported that they are very interested in the Community Garden. They are in support of it because they enjoy the exercise and fresh vegetables.

Item #4 – Monthly Utilities Report.

A. No Report.

The next Utilities Commission Meeting is March 6, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

Item #5 – Monthly Engineering & Planning Report.

A. 2012 Street Resurfacing Program.

Mike Kurutz gave Don Neitzel's report on the street resurfacing. Jack Hurst is working with Don on the inventory of the streets. Don will be putting a bidding packet out for the streets that need the most attention. This will follow the March meetings. He is working with the City Crew because they know the streets.

Item #6 – Monthly DPW Report.

A. Snow Removal Operation Year to Date.

Mike Kurutz reported that he is tracking every snow event and keeping records of the events this winter. This includes events that need salt or plow and salt combination. Salted 8 times this winter and plowed and salted 12 times which is a combined 20 events. Used 927 tons of salt. The salt order is for 1200 ton. They do have until April 30 to take delivery. Mike reported the DPW did a great job with the last snow fall.

B. Snow Shoveling on Sidewalks after Snowfalls.

Mike reported that they have received a number of complaints of sidewalks not being cleared. He noted that more and more people are walking because it is a milder winter. From the last snowfall there were 18 notices and 9 needed shoveled by the City. Mike noted that the DPW department is not in the snow shoveling business. Mayor questioned if these were buildings that were unoccupied. Mike noted that the foreclosure factor. He noted to be considerate of your neighbor. Ald. Redeker noted that help your neighbor if you can.

C. Update on Day to Day Operations.

Mike reported that the DPW cleaned up behind the 17th tee and organized the city garage and tool room. He noted that they have been cleaning up scrap metal and getting monies back for the scrap metal. He reported that Scott Kollmanberger has been doing a number of electrical jobs. Mike reported that they had helped with the moving of furniture for the carpeting at City Hall and will be helping at Police Department. Ald. Sertich noted that the DPW is doing a good job.

Item #7 – Discuss Possible Future Community Garden with Possible Action.

Ald. Redeker noted that he has had a fair number of phone calls and interest for the Community Garden. Mike reported that there is an area of land that is north that was leveled off for a skating rink and the skating rink did not work out. There is parking and water. It is an area that is out of way. Ald. Redeker noted that it is ideal to use the back of parking lot. Ald. Redeker noted he was contacted by a master gardener to lend her expertise. The individual had just went through training for community garden. He will have an organizational meeting at the end of March for a Garden Club to set rules and expectations, fees, and lot size. Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner to recommend Community Garden on TAG Center Grounds. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 Adjournment.

Motion by Ald. Sertich, second by Ald. Toellner to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Deanna Boldrey, City Clerk