

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING -WORKING SESSION**

APRIL 16, 2019

Mayor Jeff Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Shawn Reinke, Len Gilmore, Neil Herzberg, and Alicia LaBeau. Others present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; Chuck DeWolf, City Engineer with Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Paul Wegner, Police Chief; Bill Ludwig, Liquor Store Manager, and Kristin Leither, Social Media Specialist.

PARKS & EQUIPMENT – UPDATE

Mergen reported that the Park Sub-Committee is meeting with park equipment vendors next week. Veterans Park and Gazebo Park are the two parks being targeted for new equipment. This will be a \$100,000.00 plus park improvement.

Community Park – The BMX track needs to be moved or eliminated due to the weeds. The weeds can't be sprayed due to the community gardens close proximity. The Wiffle ball fields are utilized by Community Education.

CITY HALL SECURITY - UPDATE

Nothing new has been done to date.

CHECK YOUR SPEED SIGNS

There was no update. The Council authorized 2 solar signs for Lake Ave. and Hwy. 55. It was suggested to research this for Council's action.

STAFFING-UPDATE

Police Department – SRO position. Serocki started on April 3 and Haakonson started on April 10. Liquor Store – received 6 applications for the part-time clerk position. Public Works-3 seasonal part-time positions and one 32 hour position are open. Fire Department - has two openings.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION & REDEVELOPMENT – UPDATE

The consultant is conducting interviews and research and will be back in a couple weeks.

ASSISTED LIVING - CRAIG A. HANSON

The following was discussed:

- It was asked how many residents in the assisted living facility are from the City or Township
- Another developer is looking at a 45 unit facility
- \$500.00- \$600.00 for rent
- CentraCare is waiting for a decision
- Mr. Hanson is waiting for CentraCare

There was a lengthy discussion on housing and a housing study.

HOUSING STUDY

There was some discussion on updating the housing study and having EDAP pay for it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Renee Eckerly, City Administrator