

MINUTES

DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, December 3, 2018

Present: Bennie Shobe, Carl Eskridge, Cyndi Lamm, Jane Raybould, Roy Christensen, and Leirion Gaylor Baird

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Mayor's Office, Teresa Meier, City Clerk, Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney. Other Department Directors

Absent: Jon Camp

Chair, Bennie Shobe opened the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

I. MINUTES

Directors' minutes from November 5, 2018, approved and adopted (6-0).

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.b. and 4.c. and 4.d. through 4.i., will be called together.

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances 2nd Reading – Items 6.a. and 6.b. will be called together and Item 6.c. has a Motion to Amend No. 1.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Brent Meyer, Weed Control Superintendent, briefed Council members on the Weed Control Authority, 2018 Report. Council will be voting on the proposed Weed Abatement Liens during the December 10, 2018 Council meeting. It was reported that there have been successful changes in the process of inspection, from posting bright orange signs in the yard of the property, and notifying constituents of possible liens against the property for the assessed cost incurred for cutting, clearing and removing weeds on said property. These successful changes have resulted in a decrease of legal notices and liens. The report included numbers regarding enforcements and complaints, 33% of all complaints were received through UPLNK. A brief discussion included future changes and challenges including Ornamental/Native yards, concerns with front yard gardens, new developments & developers, how to address Outlots & \$0 tax properties, and woody vegetation.

Miki Esposito advised Council members that the Winter Lights at Tower Square Celebration will be happening Friday evening. The celebration will include “free” trolley rides on the new Downtown Lincoln Trollies.

Lynn Johnson advised Council members of the two slabs of Ash wood just outside the Council Chambers inquiring “what can this Ash wood be used for”? This project is part of the Emerald Ash Borer response/recovery plan workshops.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. **ISPC** – Gaylor Baird (11.08.18)

Raybould reported there continues to be discussion on the upgrades to the payroll system.

2. **JBC** – Lamm, Gaylor Baird (11.09.18)

Gaylor Baird reported the committee approved the Keno grant recommendations. Lincoln Unites has been set for May 11, 2018.

3. **BOH** – Shobe (11.13.18)

Shobe reported discussion was had on bats and the increase in numbers of positive rabies results. Discussion was also had on the 2019 Agenda.

4. **MAC** – Shobe (11.13.18)

Shobe reported the meeting was held at the University Campus in a meet and greet format.

5. **PBC** – Camp, Raybould (11.13.18)

Camp and Raybould were not able to attend.

6. **WHJPA** – Eskridge (11.15.18)

Discussion was had on the Oscar 2.0 project which included a possible completion date by the end of 2019.

7. **MPO Officials** – Shobe, Lamm (11.16.18)

No report provided

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8. **DLA** – Gaylor Baird, Eskridge (11.27.18)

Eskridge reported discussion was had on the Downtown Master Plan there was a vote to endorse the plan, the vote was not unanimous as there were some concerns about traffic and two-way streets. City staff will monitor any changes in traffic patterns.

9. **Correctional Facility JPA** – Shobe (11.27.18)

Shobe reported he was not able to attend.

10. **PRT** – Lamm (11.29.18)

Lamm reported there has been a good response from property owners and weed abatement is decreasing with the change in weather.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Eskridge briefed Council members of the South Downtown Community Development Organization. The organization has 5 different sub committees looking at different projects, including housing, public areas, financing, job development. Eskridge is on the housing sub-committee and reported that the first meeting has been held and there is a lot of great enthusiasm from the group to discuss upcoming projects.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair, Shobe adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.