

CITY OF HIGHWOOD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Tuesday February 7, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order by Mayor Pecaro at 6:10 P.M.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Pecaro, Aldermen: Grice, Falberg, Feddermann, Fiore, Peterson

Absent: Alderman Slavin

Also Present: City Manager Coren, City Attorney Ferolo, Finance Director Gonzalez, Deputy City Clerk Baruffi, Administrative Assistant Litjens, Residential Zoning Official Tombari

2. Public Hearing - None

3. Review of Minutes to be Approved

3.1. City Council: January 17, 2017

3.2. Committee of the Whole: January 17, 2017

Both of the above minutes will be approved at the Regular Council Meeting.

4. Appointments (Mayor Pecaro)

4.1. Highwood Police Pension Fund Member - Dennis Baker (2 Year Term)

Dennis Baker will be approved at the Regular City Council Meeting.

4.2. Highwood Firefighter's Pension Board Member - Rosa Stefani (3 Year Term)

Rosa Stefani will be approved at the Regular City Council Meeting.

5. Review of Bill Warrant List

5.1. 02/07/2017 AP Warrant List

It was noted the Grainger bill is on the warrant list, but it is under \$200.00.

The Pinner Electric bill was clarified, for the maintenance of the Train station door and the monthly street light costs.

6. Unfinished Business

7. New Business

City Manager Coren announced the December sales tax reports show an increase of 5% over last year.

7.1. Discussion Regarding December 2016 Treasurer's Report.

Finance Director Gonzalez gave an overview of the finances of the first 8 months ending December 31, 2016, for f/y17.

7.2. Consideration of a Resolution Approving and Accepting an ARC Recommendation Regarding Window Signage for the Building at 400 Sheridan Road for Astra Nails.

The Council is in agreement with the ARC recommendations.

7.3. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Bids and to Execute an Electricity Supply Agreement for City ComEd Accounts.

The Council will authorize the Resolution in the Regular City Council Meeting.

7.4. Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the City of Highwood and Call One for Telephone Service at Municipal Facilities.

The Resolution will be passed at the Regular City Council Meeting.

City Manager Coren reviewed:

- The fire alarm monitoring to potentially stay with Red Center.
- Kings & Convicts is questioning their initial fees as well as the yearly fees for the liquor license. Discussion ensued regarding a comparison to other towns and fees, license classification, and the need to be consistent. Further research will be completed and brought to the Council at a future meeting.

7.5. A Discussion on the Residential Rental Report.

Residential Zoning Administrator Tombari reviewed the report. He reviewed the architectural influences of each period. 1966 appears to be the earliest zoning map. Discussion ensued regarding down zoning, and legal challenges

plus the affect on the value of the properties. There are approximately 400 properties that would be affected by the re-zoning. Discussion regarding the notice and public hearings and the estimate monies involved. Policies to encourage conversion of multi-family to single family dwellings were discussed.

Citations were issued today on two separate properties.

7.6. A Review and Discussion on the Draft Downtown Zoning Update.
This will be discussed at a later date

8. Executive Session (If Necessary)

9. Adjournment Moved by Alderman Feddermann, seconded by Alderman Grice to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, by voice vote, motion carried. Mayor Pecaro adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin J. Baruffi,

Deputy City Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by Council on: