

City of Fulton

City Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2022

Public Hearing

Mayor Pro-tem Mike VanZuiden opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m. to receive public comments on the proposed 2022-2023 Budget.

No discussion followed.

At 5:35 p.m. Mayor Pro-tem VanZuiden closed the public hearing.

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-tem VanZuiden called the meeting to order and directed the City Clerk to call the roll. On roll call, Aldermen King, Banker, Mask, VanKampen, Nederhoff, Hunt and Brondyke were present. Mayor Wendy Ottens was absent.

Staff included, City Administrator Clark, Chief Neblung, PW Director Sikkema, and Sgt. Hamilton. Visitors were also present.

Presentations

Chuck Dykstra spoke on the downtown development project, which he proposed at the last council meeting. The project consisted of six, double unit condos. He would like a consensus from the council on what their thoughts were and if he could move forward with the project.

He stated that there could be other options for construction if the council thought six units were too many. The number of units could be decreased and or another possibility would be that they could construct fewer buildings with a three story option instead of two story.

Alderman Mask stated that the council has never discussed the future plans of this property. Mr. Dykstra stated that years ago, the council at that time, gave their blessing to the downtown development group, and the land was going to be “gifted” to them. When the plan fell through due to Mr. Kettler not selling his additional property, located in the same area, the idea ceased.

Alderman Mask stated that those plans did not include condos, but shops and restaurants.

Aldermen Nederhoff and VanKampen would also like to see this further discussed, but are open to the idea.

Mayor Pro-tem VanZuiden suggested that as a city council – let us start the discussion on the proposed area now while Mr. Dykstra gets his investors in line for the project. All in agreement to continue discussions.

Mr. Dykstra also reminded the council of the cemetery property that the township would like to acquire. The vacated property in question, would allow an additional 35-50 years of burial space in the cemetery.

He would like the council to make a decision in the near future so plans and clean up of the area can get started. The council will discuss further into the matter.

Dan Dolan is now asking for a minimum of 37 acres to purchase in the Industrial Center. The first 18 acres would be sold at the previously honored price of \$10,640 per acre and each additional acre would sell for \$15,000 per acre.

He would like the additional acreage to support a minimum of a 2 mega watt solar field to supply power for the cultivation center. 10 acres of solar panels will furnish 1 mega watt of power. The center itself will use at least 2 mega watts to supply energy for the lighting systems, air handlers, air conditioning and other general requirements. (and maybe more area depending on the growth of the facility).

The grow building itself will be located on at least 5-10 acres. All other property will be used for future growth of the attended project.

Administrator Clark says that surveying will be done before proceeding. This summer when SunVest renewal contract comes due the city will have a better insight on how much actual property will be left for development. At that time we can give Mr. Dolan a better idea of what extra areas will be available.

Council will move forward with development discussions and surveying.

Business

Approve the March 28, 2022 council minutes. Alderman King motioned, seconded by Alderman Brondyke. No discussion to follow. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 0 no. Minutes approved.

Approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Alderman King motioned, seconded by Alderman Mask. Short discussion to follow. Administrator Clark stated that the budget is balanced, but would most likely need to be amended after the two union negotiations commence. This current budget does not include any salary increases for any employees. Salaries will be adjusted if need be after the negotiations. At that time the council will make the decision which fund will support the increases, if any. With no further discussion. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 0 no. Budget approved.

Approve an ordinance amending the dates and time of regular council meetings. Council meetings will revert back to two meetings per month, the second and fourth Mondays of each month starting in June of 2022. Alderman Mask, motioned, seconded by Alderman Brondyke. No discussion. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 0 no. Motion approved.

Closed Session

Alderman King motioned at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Alderman Hunt to enter closed session to discuss personnel, union negotiations and sale of property. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 0 no. Enter closed session.

Return to Regular Meeting

Alderman Mask motioned at 6:51 p.m., seconded by Alderman King to returned to the regular meeting. Roll call vote, 8 yes 0 no. Motion approved

Adjourn Meeting

Alderman Brondyke motioned, Alderman Banker seconded. All in favor, 8 yes. Meeting adjourned a 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy L Garibay
City Clerk