

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Special Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

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5:45 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:52 p.m. by President Stempel-Rae.

CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being audio recorded and video recorded by the City Council and GCTV-15. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time. It was noted that Jayden Grazick was also recording.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Roll Call was taken. All Councilors present.

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Roxann Wedegartner; City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Finance Director/City Auditor/City Accountant Elizabeth Gilman; Library Building Owner Project Manager Daniel Pallotta; Public Safety Building Committee Chairperson Butch Hawkins; Public Safety Building Owner Project Manager Neil Joyce; Fire Chief Robert Strahan; DPW Director Marlo Warner; GCTV-15 staff; Anita Fritz, *the Recorder*; and members of the public.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Dolan, second by Councilor Guin, it was unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, 8 ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS.

President Stempel-Rae invited Mr. Pallotta to speak on the update of the Library Building Project. Comments included:

- Design development had been completed.
- The Library Construction project was currently on time and on budget.
- Project bids were due by the end of February or beginning of March 2021.

President Stempel-Rae invited Mr. Hawkins, Mayor Wedegartner, Mr. Joyce, and Director Gilman to speak on the update of the Public Safety Building Project. Comments included:

- A project manager and designer had been appointed.
- A subcommittee had been established to determine a temporary location for the Fire Station.
- The property on Riddell Street was no longer a consideration as a proposed site for the Fire Station. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the City would not be receiving the \$2.5 million designated towards the cleanup of the property.
- The funds that were allocated for the Fire Station construction project in May did not include “soft costs” and funds for the purchase of a temporary location for the fire station.
- A tentative location at Main Street & Coombs Avenue would be considered.
- A temporary Fire Station could be completed by the summer of 2021.
- The City may need to ask the Council for additional funds for the Fire Station construction in October.
- A proposed location for the temporary Fire Station was the City owned parking lot at Hope & Prospect Street.
- The City would request an additional allocation of \$5 million to cover the soft costs and purchase of a temporary location for the Fire Station.

Councilors asked the following questions:

- Would an alternative energy source be available to the Main/Coombs street location in lieu of gas.
- Would the debt increase affect other funding.

- Would other authorized projects be put on hold until the Library and Fire Station projects had begun construction.
- Would it be necessary to build a temporary Fire Station.
- How would you explain to the public who voiced concerns that the City could not afford these projects the need for additional funding.
- How would the City build the temporary Fire Station and how could it be completed on schedule.
- Why did the original appropriation requested by the City not include any additional costs.
- What effect would the request for additional funds have on the tax rate.
- Had the City approached the 2 ½ tax rate.
- Would the proposed location for the temporary Fire Station on Hope & Prospect Street be developed to house a permanent Fire Station.
- Was the City looking into other financial resources to fund the projects.
- Would the Councilor’s decision to not allocate these funds have an effect on the contractors who would bid on these projects.
- How soon after a site was chosen for the Fire Station would a more accurate budget be presented.
- Would the City be responsible for the cost of relocating tenants residing on the proposed property.
- Would the City be able to use the funds from the original \$10,000,000 appropriation for the Main & Coombs Street property purchase.
- Were there funds available from the library construction appropriation that could go towards the Fire Station project.

President Stempel-Rae stated that if the Councilors had any further questions on the Library and Fire Station projects to send to the Clerk’s office for distribution.

Mayor Wedegartner stated that the Public Safety Building Committee held their first meeting tonight via Webex and she would provide a link of that meeting to the Councilors for their review.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President Wheeler held the following first reading:

- Appropriate \$21,000 from Fund 8402 - Capital Stabilization to repair DPW yard boiler.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilor Desorgher, second by Councilor Mayo, it was unanimously

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:34 P.M.

A true copy,

Attest: _____
Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Attendance

1. Jarvis, Edward	Y					
2. Guin, Daniel	Y					
3. DeSorgher, Virginia	Y					
4. Bottomley, John	Y					
5. Dolan, Timothy	Y					
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y					
7. Wheeler, Otis	Y					
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y					
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	Y					
10. Elmer, Philip	Y					
11. Forgey, Christine	Y					
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y					
13. Stempel - Rae, Ashley	Y					