

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Clear Lake City Council met in special session on Monday, February 10, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at City Hall, with Mayor Nelson P. Crabb presiding. All Council Members present.

Callanan moved the agenda be approved, seconded by Nelson. Passed Unanimously.

Mayor Crabb announced that it was the time and place for the citizen's forum. There was no citizen comment.

Scott Flory, City Administrator, reviewed the 2015 Fiscal Year Budget proposal and stated that the proposed City tax rate for the 2015 fiscal year is \$10.54/\$1,000 of taxable valuation and that this would be the fourth consecutive year that the City taxed at that rate. He further stated that the proposed FY 15 budget reflects total expenditures among the various programs of \$14,827,906; of which \$7.2 million is directed towards operations & maintenance; \$6.4 million towards capital ; and \$1.25 million towards debt service. He advised that the Council will adopt a "preliminary" budget, and set March 3rd as the date for the public hearing on the proposed FY 15 budget at its February 17th meeting.

Flory reviewed the proposed amendment to the Clear Lake Consolidated Urban Renewal Area Plan and stated that the proposed amendment is necessary to comply with provisions of House File 2460 adopted by the State legislature in 2012, requiring Urban Renewal Plans to be amended or modified to reflect any new urban renewal project. He noted the Plan is being amended to reflect a potential new economic development project on Lots 6 & 7 in the Luker Memorial Industrial Park. Flory stated that the Council adopted a Resolution setting the date as February 10th for a public hearing on the proposal to amend the City's Consolidated Urban Renewal Area Plan.

Brent Willett, North Iowa Corridor Economic Development Corporation, stated that the law requires a consultation meeting to be held with the affected taxing entities and that meeting was scheduled for January 27th with the Clear Lake Community School District and Cerro Gordo County. He advised that letters of strong support for the proposed amendment were received from both entities prior to the meeting. He stated that notice of the public hearing on the proposed amendment was published on January 29th as required by law.

Mayor Crabb stated it was now the time and place for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Clear Lake Consolidated Urban Renewal Area Plan as previously established by the Council.

Anita Micich, Clear Lake Community School District Superintendent, stated that she was there on behalf of the School Board and stated that the School Board strongly supports the proposed amendment to the Clear Lake Consolidated Urban Renewal Area Plan.

Hearing no further public comment, Hugi moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Boehnke. Passed Unanimously.

Nelson introduced the following **Resolution** and moved its adoption, seconded by Boehnke. Roll Call: Passed Unanimously. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the following duly adopted:

RESOLUTION No. 14-15

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2014 URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT FOR THE CLEAR LAKE CONSOLIDATED URBAN RENEWAL AREA

Mayor Crabb reminded the Council of the 13th Annual Color The Wind Kite Festival scheduled for Saturday, February 15th.

Mayor Crabb stated that it is his intention to propose for Council consideration the appointment of Lieutenant Rex McChesney to the post of interim Police Chief at the Council's meeting on March 3rd. He advised that Lieutenant McChesney would be formerly sworn in at that time if approved by the Council and will serve as interim chief while the City Council searches for a replacement for Chief Peterson who will retire on April 30th.

There being no further business before the Council, Hugi moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Callanan. Passed Unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014

Nelson P. Crabb, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Larsen, City Clerk

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