

ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Kreft presiding.

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Griep, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz

Members absent: Vrklan

Also present: EDA Director Schultz, Ken Bade of CenterPoint Energy, Fire Chief Otto, Attorney Arneson

Motion by Griep, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A) Approval of the May 20th Special Meeting Minutes (Joint Meeting with EDA)
- B) Approval of the June 1st Regular Meeting Minutes
- C) Approval of the Bills
- D) Approval of Street Dance Permit for The Dugout on June 20th from 4:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

Ken Bade of CenterPoint Energy thanked the City/Fire Department for applying for the CenterPoint Energy Community Partnership grant. He presented a check in the amount of \$1,100, which will be used to purchase dual head radios for the Fire Department.

It was noted that there were no citizens present to address the Council on non-agenda items.

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) Arlington Town & Country Days is June 19th – 20th
- 2) High Island Watershed District Meeting is June 22nd @ 8:00 p.m. in Gaylord
- 3) League of MN Cities Annual Conference – June 24-26 in St. Paul
- 4) City Offices will be Closed on Friday, July 3rd in Observance of Independence Day.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- 1) April Water/Wastewater Report
- 2) May Financial Reports
- 3) Boulevard Tree Assessment Report.

It was agreed that letters should be sent to the property owners notifying them that City Staff and/or a designated contractor will be removing the dead/dying tree(s) in the boulevard adjacent to their property.

It was noted that there were no reports from Officers, Boards and Committees.

It was noted that there were no ordinances or resolutions that needed action.

It was noted that there was no unfinished business.

Discussion was held on a proposal from Seneca Foods for a Conceptual Southern Boundary Line. Mayor Kreft stated that in an effort to clean up the southern boundary issue, Seneca Foods is willing to somewhat compromise with the City and would annex some of their property into city limits, excluding the silage pile.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Reetz, and carried (Griep opposed) to approve the Option for a Conceptual Southern Boundary Line from Seneca Foods as presented.

Discussion was held on the Petition for Annexation from the EDA that was received almost two months ago. Mayor Kreft commented briefly on the 60-day rule that applies to petitions (must be acted upon { approved or denied } or extended in a specified time period). It was noted that Adm. Jaunich was recommending that a 60-day extension be granted for this petition to allow the City more time to include this property with other properties in the same area seeking annexation so that they may be acted on at one time (in one resolution).

Motion by Griep, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to grant a 60-day extension to the EDA for their Petition for Annexation for the reason stated above.

Brief discussion was held on the Petition for Annexation for the High Island Creek Development. Mayor Kreft noted that this petition had come in within the last couple of weeks and the City did not have to act on it at this time if it chose not to.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Griep, and passed by unanimous vote to table the Petition for Annexation for the High Island Creek Land Development until such time that the southwest area of town is ready to be annexed as a whole.

Mayor Kreft commented that the storm water retention pond (not in city limits) in the southwest corner of town has been deeded to the City from the High Island Creek Development and needs to be annexed.

Motion by Pederson, seconded by Griep, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the Petition for Annexation of the storm water retention pond.

Discussion was held on possibly annexing up to 3 additional non-petitioning parcels (Jeff Hennen property, Swenson Storage Units, Sign Company parcel, or 3 residents-Kistner, Melsha, Otto) in the southwest corner of town in conjunction with the previous three (possibly four with Seneca Foods) Petitions for Annexation to more clearly define a southern boundary line for the City. Mayor Kreft stated that he and PZ Consultant Smith-Strack had attended the most recent Township meeting and notified them of the Petitions for Annexation that possibly included Seneca Foods. He stated that they did not seem to have any issues with the information given to them.

Motion by Griep, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to take the Jeff Hennen owned property as a non-petitioning party on a future resolution for annexation and to obtain a legal description and parcel identification number for same.

It was the consensus of the Council to hold a budget meeting workshop on Monday, July 6th at 5:30 pm prior to the regular meeting the same night.

Brief discussion was held on acknowledging (via gift) the birth of the City Administrator's second child.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.

EDA Director Denny Schultz

Mayor James R. Kreft