

The Britt City Council met in regular session on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Arndorfer called the meeting to order with Council Persons Ostercamp, Aitchison, Gast, Verbrugge, and Luecht answering roll call. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor.

Others in attendance: Dan Cummings, Travis Fischer, Drew Sweers, Joe Myrhe, Shirley Smidt, Mike Birchem

PUBLIC HEARING on proposed Urban Renewal Plan opened at 7:01PM

No written or verbal comments were given.

Public hearing closed at 7:02PM

RESOLUTION 13-2017 offered by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Gast determining an area of the City to be an economic development area, and that the rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development or combination thereof, of such area is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety or welfare of the residents of the City; designating such area as appropriate for the urban renewal projects; and adopting the Urban Renewal Plan. Roll call vote: Aye: Ostercamp, Aitchison, Gast, Verbrugge, Luecht; Naye: None

ORDINANCE 489

Mayor Arndorfer introduced an ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. 489. An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the 2017 Commercial Park Development Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa.”

It was moved by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Verbrugge that the ordinance be given its first consideration and that it be adopted.

The Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following names Council persons voted:

Ayes: Aitchison, Gast, Verbrugge, Luecht, Ostercamp

Nayes: None

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and declared that said ordinance had been given its initial consideration.

It was moved by Council person Verbrugge and seconded by Council person Ostercamp that the statutory rule requiring an ordinance to be considered and voted on for the passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended. The Mayor put the question on the motion and the roll being called, the following named Council person voted:

Ayes: Gast, Verbrugge, Luecht, Ostercamp, Aitchison

Nayes: None

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried.

It was moved by Council person Gast and seconded by Council person Aitchison that the ordinance entitled “Ordinance No. 489. An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the 2017 Commercial Park Development Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa,” now be put upon its final consideration and adoption. The Mayor put the question on the final consideration and adoption of the ordinance and the roll being called, the following named Council persons voted:

Ayes: Ostercamp, Aitchison, Gast, Verbrugge, Luecht

Nays: None

Whereupon, the Mayor declared the motion duly carried and the ordinance duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 14-2017 offered by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Gast setting the date of April 4, 2017 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers of City Hall for a meeting on the proposition to authorize a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Notes to evidence the obligations of the City thereunder. Roll call vote: Aye: Verbrugge, Luecht, Ostercamp, Aitchison, Gast; Naye: None

DISCUSSION by Michael Birchem from Renner & Birchem on the Annual Audit Report.

DISCUSSION by Drew Sweers of V&K on estimate to hire firm to complete sump pump inspections for all City residents. Council discussed other options to try and control the cost of the project.

DISCUSSION by Drew Sweers of V&K on the update of progress on the Commerical Park Development.

MOTION by Council person Gast and seconded by Council person Verbrugge approving the liquor license renewal for Britt Food Center. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION by City Clerk informing Council that there were no applicants for the seasonal landscaping position. Council discussed options on individuals or groups to contact.

MOTION by Council person Luecht approving the street closure on 3rd St SE from Main Ave to the alley between Main Ave and 1st Ave SE for yard sale on April 15, 2017. No second received. Motion failed.

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Gast approving to renew the insurance policy with ICAP for \$44,353.93. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION by Council person Ostercamp and seconded by Council person Verbrugge approving the purchase of a gas can storage unit from Uline for the cost of \$689.00. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION by City Clerk on employee comp time accrual. Employees will earn comp time at the rate of one-half times all hours worked beyond the established 40 hours per work week. Vacation and Comp Time hours can be counted as hours worked in the 40 hours per work week but sick time cannot be used as hours worked.

MOTION by Council person Gast and seconded by Council person Aitchison approving Officer Harmon to attend the Firearms Instructor School in July for the cost of \$525.00 plus food and lodging. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION by Police Chief Cummings informing Council of his intent to attend the GTSB Conference in April. There were no objections by Council.

DISCUSSION by Police Chief Cummings informing Council of his intent to grant Officer Harmon paternity leave of 2 weeks by using sick time. There were no objections by Council.

DISCUSSION by City Clerk on the disbursement of seedlings granted to the City by the DNR. The seedling will be given to City residents on a first come, first serve basis. Residents must live within City limits and trees must be planted on that property. There will be a limit of 5 seedlings per household, and they cannot be planted in the City right of way.

Discussion Items:

City Wide Cleanup, Rec Center, RAGBRAI

MOTION by Council person Verbrugge and seconded by Council person Luecht adjourning meeting. Motion carried unanimous vote.

____\s\ Ryan Arndorfer_____
Mayor

____\s\ Shell Anderson_____
City Clerk

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