

Proceedings

CITY OF GARNER COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS UNAPPROVED MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2020

The City of Garner Council met in special session on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Mayor Mick called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

ROLL CALL-Present: Don Bell, Denny Drabek, Tim Schmidt, Glen Juhl (via phone), Absent: Marline Lewerke.

Also in attendance: HCEDC Director Jill Kramer, Travis Bierle from Zinpro and Amy Homan from IA Northern RR (via phone).

Motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Tim Schmidt to accept the agenda as printed, carried unanimously.

CA Kofoed gave an update on the Iowa Northern Railway spur line proposed for Zinpro. Many items were discussed including:

- Rail cars would reduce the truck traffic to Zinpro, their Shell Rock facility currently uses inbound rail cars
- Zinpro is interested in investing in the community "giving back"
- Donation for future recreational development
- Council would like flexibility with the timeframe and use of the property
- Possibly cash rent the property until it is developed
- Installing a gravel road and parking area and a possible sidewalk
- Maintenance of the property, undeveloped and developed

Consensus was to move forward with project planning.

Discussion was held regarding the future Highway 18 expansion plans for 3-lanes through town. Directions was given to CA Kofoed to ask the IA DOT about possibly straightening a portion of Hwy 18 West. Crossing options at Hwy 18 and State Street were also discussed.

Following an update on the current sale of 590 State Street, Council is interested in discussing a First Right of Refusal with the new owner for possible future expansion.

With no further business, there was a motion by Denny Drabek, seconded by Don Bell to adjourn the meeting at 6:49pm.

Kenton L Mick, Mayor

Daisy Huffman, City Clerk

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