

MINUTES
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2020

Present: Roy Christensen, Sandra Washington, Bennie Shobe, Tammy Ward, Jane Raybould, Richard Meginnis, and James Michael Bowers

Others Present: Teresa Meier, City Clerk, Jennifer Brinkman, Chief of Staff, Mayor's Office, Jeff Kirkpatrick, City Attorney, Brandon Kauffman, Director of Finance, Tom Casady, Interim Director of Transportation and Utilities, Dan Marvin, Director, Urban Development, David Cary, Director, Planning Department, Doug McDaniel, Director Human Resources, and other City staff present.

Chair, Jane Raybould opened the meeting at 2:00 p.m. and announced the location of the Open Meetings Act.

I. MINUTES

Directors' minutes from January 6, 2020 approved and adopted (7-0)

II. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

III. CITY CLERK

Under Public Hearing – Liquor Resolutions – Items 4.a. and 4.b. will be called together,

Under Public Hearing – Resolutions Item 5.c. Dan Marvin advised there is a request to delay the vote to January 27, 2020. Item 5.d. there has been a request to withdraw by the applicant.

Under Public Hearing – Ordinances – 2nd Reading – Items 6.e. through 6.g. will be called together.

IV. MAYOR'S OFFICE

Brinkman provided information to Council regarding the upcoming budget meeting themes. Brinkman advised Council members to let her know if there are any issues or topics they would like addressed during these meetings.

Chief Bliemeister advised Council members January 1, 2020 marks the 150th year anniversary of the Lincoln Police Department. In 1870 the Lincoln Police Department started with four employees. Commemorative badges are available for purchase for current and/or retired Lincoln Police Department employees.

Chief Bliemeister announced Captain Chris Peterson, has been is the commander of the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Taskforce since 2011, Lincoln is one of 40 Taskforces in the Midwest. In 2019, Captain Peterson was named Taskforce Commander of the Year.

Brinkman advised the Mayor will discuss the Comp Plan 2050 process at the regular scheduled news conference this week. Discussion on what has happened since 1990 over that thirty year span and the changes to our community

Brinkman also advised that the Mayor will be speaking at the Martin Luther King Breakfast on Friday morning.

Raybould inquired to the emails that have been received regarding the recycling centers and the overflow of the cardboard, stating that she has received some complaints from customers with the overflow of cardboard with the recycling centers her business hosts. Raybould requested an update regarding this matter.

Tom Casady, Interim Director of Transportation and Utilities, stated the email that Raybould received was wildly exaggerated; the gentleman that wrote that email, his characterization of little old ladies and elderly population and their inability to breakdown cardboard boxes is offensive. Casady stated that most of the bin buddies that help at the recycling sites are retired. Casady further stated that the City does very well at the recycling sites, they are extremely popular. The full year data for 2019 has not been completed yet but in 2018 there was a 76.8% reduction in corrugated cardboard going to the landfill. We went from 118 pounds average per man, woman, and child in the

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City, in 2017, to 28 pounds in 2018. The City has been incredibly successful in diverting material from the landfill. Casady stated there have been a few problems but relatively few, given the scope of the operation. Some of those problems were this past summer when the contractor, Von Busch Refuse, went slowly out of business. The current contractor, Uribe Refuse, is doing a great job for the City. They go the extra mile in cleaning up things that really aren't their responsibility; such as things that are dropped off at the collection sites that aren't supposed to be. There has always been a problem with the rush after Christmas. Uribe does add additional stops during this time but it is impossible to keep up with the sheer volume of corrugated board that is dropped off at the collection sites. Within a week the recycling centers were back to normal operations. Casady reminded Council members that the recycling sites have been in operation for three decades, this isn't something that was started in 2017, and the City has been doing public recycling sites for thirty years. There has never been a complaint to the public Health Department in regards to rodents or vermin. Casady personally apologized for the fact that when every person in the City of Lincoln is dropping materials off over a two to three day stretch after Christmas, the recycling centers do get overwhelmed but the contractor did a great job cleaning up quickly and got things back to normal operations. Casady stated, for someone to insinuate otherwise is just not real; it's a wildly exaggerated story.

V. BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSION REPORTS

1. Parks & Rec – Christensen (12.12.19) *carry over from 01.06.20 and (01.09.20)*

Christensen was unable to attend. Lynn Johnson, Director, Parks and Rec provided the following report; Discussion was had on the Cascade Fountain and the project renovations, the Master Plan was approved. Johnson also reported that the City has been working with Community Action who has been working with City Impact to establish a child care program at the City Impact Center. A lease agreement has been developed, with Community Action, to have a small outdoor play area for the child care program. Also, there will be a small neighborhood park near the 14th and Superior intersection. The Parks and Rec Advisory Board reviewed the cost recovery frame work to ensure the approach the Parks and Rec department takes in establishing fees for the facilities and programs in consistent with the vision and the upcoming budget cycle. Johnson also reported on the community engagement process on stream crossing structures in Wilderness Park. This process enables the City to work with the public in developing standards in stream crossing structures. The outcome of this process will feed into the Master Plan and improvements in the park.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shobe provided a brief report on the Complete Count Census Committee. The County has been earmarked \$10,000 to help assist and promote the costs incurred by the Census Committee. The County has challenged the City to match that amount. The request is being made based on a budget. Every resident that is not reported, via the census, several thousands of federal funding dollars are lost. There is a need for additional Census workers.

Chair, Raybould adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.