

MONDAY

AUGUST 03, 2020

The Governing Body of the City of Pratt met in Regular Session in the Commission Room located at City Hall

PRESENT:	Gary Schmidt	Mayor
	Doug Meyer	Commissioner
	Don Peters	Commissioner
	Jason Leslie	Commissioner
	Zach Deeds	Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:	Bruce Pinkall	City Manager
	LuAnn Kramer	City Clerk
	Regina Probst	City Attorney
	Diana Garten	Finance Director
	Russell Rambat	Public Works Director
	Brad Blankenship	Building Inspector

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Schmidt. The Mayor instructed the City Clerk to note that all Commissioners were present.

Mayor Schmidt reminded the audience that this meeting may be taped and/or recorded.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Meyer led the audience and staff in the invocation and Mayor Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

- July 20, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting
- July 27, 2020 Recessed Budget Work Session – Day #1
- July 28, 2020 Recessed Budget Work Session – Day #2

Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2020 regular Commission meeting, the July 27, 2020 recessed budget work session – day #1 and the July 28, 2020 recessed budget work session – day #2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 080320 – CITY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RESOLUTION:

City Attorney Probst stated that this resolution was similar to the resolution that was passed at the last meeting; however, the County had some concerns about any liability they might have. Ms. Probst commented that this had been drafted by County Counselor Eisenhower and it gave them more

assurances that the City would be responsible and cooperate with any audits and any reimbursements that were necessary. Ms. Probst added that this would only be if there were any funds that were not approved by the State Treasurer. With little more discussion, Commissioner Peters made a motion to approve Resolution 080320 concerning the City Coronavirus Relief Fund with Indemnity. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

OPEN AGENDA:

- **Highway 61 & Maple Street:**

Ms. Colleen Winkel suggested that there be a street sign be put on Highway 61 and Maple Street. Ms.

Winkel commented that Maple Street was a busy street and many people look for it and miss it.

- **Retaining Wall:**

Ms. Winkel stated that she owned the property at 421 East 3rd Street, which was right across the street from Jack Ewing Park. Ms. Winkel commented that she had understood that the sidewalk and the retaining wall on the north side of the park was the City's responsibility. Ms. Winkel stated that, if it was the City's, it was in ill repair and she saw it as a safety issue. Public Works Director Rambat stated that the City would generally take care of the sidewalk; however, anything outside of that would be the homeowner's responsibility. Mr. Rambat explained that Ms. Winkel could get on his list of different types of projects and, when he gets the okay to spend money, he would get with her to look at it. Mr. Rambat added that a contractor that was working on the City's dime sometimes was willing to make a homeowner a better deal.

REPORTS:

City Manager:

- **Budget meeting:**

City Manager Pinkall thanked the Commissioners for the two days they spent at the budget meetings. Mr. Pinkall commented that they had a solid plan to move forward and he really appreciated the time they had spent working on it.

- **Health Insurance:**

Mr. Pinkall also thanked the Commissioners for their time in looking at the insurance plans and he felt that the employees would be happy.

- **Pool:**

Mr. Pinkall stated that the pool operations were moving smoothly and he thanked Public Works Director Rambat for getting the slide repaired.

- **REAP meeting:**

Mr. Pinkall informed the Commission that the REAP meeting for next Thursday had been canceled.

- **SPARK committee:**

Commissioner Deeds questioned if we had heard anymore from the SPARKS committee. Mr. Pinkall stated that he had not; however, he had talked to County Counselor Eisenhauer, County Commissioner Borho and Ms. Heather Morgan. Mr. Pinkall stated that we were to receive \$79,000 and that was double the allotment that we were told in the beginning. Mr. Pinkall commented that we were just going to have to agree to disagree and move forward and use the funds to the best of our ability.

City Attorney:

- **Global Fee Schedule:**

City Attorney Probst stated that the Global Fee Schedule had been sent out to the department heads and they had added several more things that we charge for that were not in ordinances, but we hoped that we could have a finished product in the next few weeks.

- **Municipal Court:**

Ms. Probst stated that Municipal Court was staying caught up and they had some trials set up for September and some that had been continued. Ms. Probst commented that she felt they had a good handle on it and the dockets were easily handled and very manageable.

Building Inspections:

- **Insurance:**

Building Inspector Blankenship thanked the Commission for the medical insurance that the employees were allowed to have. Mr. Blankenship commented that he had had issues with his knee and some other things and our insurance was great and he appreciated them giving us the opportunity to have great insurance.

Finance Department:

- **Budget Hearing:**

Finance Director Garten stated that she had made the few changes to the added expense to the police department's budget and had submitted the Notice of Public Hearing to the paper and it would be published this Wednesday. Ms. Garten stated that the public hearing would be at the next meeting. Ms. Garten commented that those few changes made the mill go up a little to 52.166, which was .11 higher than 2020. Ms. Garten added that that was under the tax lid limitations.

City Clerk/Utility Billing:

- **Insurance meetings:**

City Clerk Kramer stated that she had visited with the BC/BS rep and she now had a pre-recorded WebEx that employees and their spouses could watch from home that would tell them about any changes in the insurance. Ms. Kramer commented that there would be something put in the employees' pay checks and in the mailboxes for the supervisors to let them know.

Mayor and Commission:

- **Informative conversations:**

Mayor Schmidt stated that he thought the conversations with the department heads were very informative and they learned things they did not know before. Mayor Schmidt commented that he appreciated the process.

- **Homeland Security:**

Commissioner Meyer asked if there had been any talk on Homeland Security and Mr. Chuck Manahan and the potential grant that they had. Mr. Pinkall stated that he had not talked to the County about that, but it was a great resource.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Leslie made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deeds and carried unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR:

GARY A. SCHMIDT, Mayor



ATTEST:

LUANN KRAMER, City Clerk