

**Public Property and Health Committee
City Council Chambers
February 5, 2019**

Call to order at 7:22 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in.

Citizen Comments:

Public Works Report

Discussion and Action on Maintenance of City Hall Tree: Martin has a quote to remove the tree at a cost of \$500. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra that the City offers to share the cost of the tree removal with the citizen who had expressed the concern. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Maintenance of the Trees at Soldier's and Sailor's Park: Martin reported that the cost to remove the four trees and standing trunk (cost does not include removing the stumps) was \$10,500. Martin will look into the cost to remove the standing trunk and hollowed-out tree.

Old Business

Discussion and Action on Soldier's and Sailor's Park with the Lion Club: The Mayor will work with the Lions on a draft for a new agreement. The goal is to have an agreement in place by April.

Discussion and Action on 650 North Margaret Street Property: Mayor Slate excused himself during the discussion of this agenda item. Ald. Henke informed the Committee that she had received an email from Connie Wilsnack advising that Connie would not be able to attend the meeting due to weather concerns. The Committee asks that Connie Wilsnack attend the March Public Property meeting and update the Committee on her progress, particularly with buildings 4 and 10. Also, the Committee would like to see her plan to address the vermin noted in the inspection report in buildings 3 and 7. Also, the plan should include the next buildings to be addressed following buildings 4 and 10. The Committee asks that the City Clerk follow up with Connie to answer the questions posted in Connie's email of February 5, 2019 regarding permits for the removal of the buildings. Martin will talk with General Engineering to determine if and how placards should be placed on the two uninhabitable buildings as seems to be indicated in the state statutes.

Discussion and Action on Updated Cart Policy: Motion Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra to accept the updated policy but wants to clarify the Multi-Family, Agricultural and Industrial language, particularly the contracting of additional service. Motion carried. The City Clerk should put this item on Council agenda.

New Business:

Discussion and Action on Cemetery Lot Pricing: The current charge is \$250 for a single lot. Martin reported that Randolph charges \$500 and Friesland charges \$400 per lot. Martin is reaching out to other municipalities for their pricing and we will place this item on the March agenda.

Discussion and Action on Sign Placement for Kiwanis, Lions Club, and American Legion on Hwy 44: Dick Severson addressed the committee about placing signs for the service groups on Highway 44.

Martin advised that per past sign requests, if a sign is visible from State Highway 44, the person or group must go through the DOT to have the sign content and placement approved. At that point, the person or group can come to the City for a permit. Motion by Ald. Triemstra/Ald. Kazda for Mayor Slate to assist the service groups on getting approval for the signs through the DOT. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Jessica French's Resignation from the Markesan Library Board: Motion by Ald. Triemstra/Ald. Thiem to accept Jessica French's resignation from the Markesan Library Board. Motion carried.

Acknowledge of Lucy Hazlewood's Retirement from the Markesan Public Library: Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Thiem to accept Lucy Hazlewood's retirement from the Markesan Public Library. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Pool Ordinance #115.7: The Mayor asked for a month delay while he did some research. He also asked that a quick guide be developed with a checklist that a citizen can use during a pool purchase. Chief Pflum will develop the checklist. This item will be placed on the March agenda.

Adjournment: Motion by Ald. Triemstra/Ald. Thiem to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.