

Public Property and Health Committee
Markesan City Hall
July 7, 2020

Call to order at 6:41 p.m.

Roll call by sign-in

Citizen Comments: Dave and Pat Prill were present and requested that the City either sell or donate a cabinet (that is at City Hall) to the Markesan Historical Society for storage of documents. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra to donate the cabinet to the Markesan Historical Society. Motion carried.

Public Works Report:

Request for 1 or 2 more Dumpsters at Recycling Center for Summer Months: Joe Strelow reported to the committee that there is a need for 1-2 more dumpsters at the recycling center to accommodate the increase in refuse during the summer months. He said the cost per dumpster would be \$64. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Thiem to approve 1-2 dumpsters and that the cost be split between the municipalities. Motion carried.

Wood Burning License with the DNR for Recycling Center Brush Piles: In order to burn the large piles of brush that are accumulating at the recycling center, a permit must be applied for through the DNR. There would be a one time fee of \$550 plus \$165 to submit a plan of operation and another \$165 for the annual license fee. Mayor Slate requested that Joe bring a budget to the July 14 council meeting. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to contact the other municipalities with a budget and get their opinion on it. Motion carried.

New Business:

Review of Lions Park Agreement for Soldier's and Sailor's Park: Dave Brinkman, Terry Dolderer and Karen Franke from the Lions Club were present. The Lions will review the agreement and attend the August Public Property and Health committee meeting. Mayor Slate recommended that the city attorney review the agreement and ratify it. No motion.

Discussion and Action on Lions Club Volunteering to do Tree Trimming of Memorial Trees along North Margaret Street: Dave Brinkman, Terry Dolderer and Karen Franke from the Lions Club were present and stated that the Lions would be willing to trim the Memorial Trees and stack the brush if the City picked up and disposed of the brush. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to agree that the Lions Club will trim the Memorial Trees and stack the brush on the side of the road. Then, the City will pick up the brush and dispose of it. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Tree Trimming Invoice Dispute at 340 N. Margaret Street: The owner for this property said they did not receive a bill in the mail for the tree trimming. No motion.

Discussion and Action on Service from Advanced Disposal: Chief Pflum reported that there have been many complaints regarding Advanced Disposal's trash and recyclable pick-up services including complaints about dropped and damaged cans, recyclables and trash left on the streets and questionable actions of the truck drivers. Advanced Disposal said one of their representatives will attend the July 14 council meeting. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra to have the City attorney review the Advanced Disposal contract and see what options the City has and to have the City attorney attend the July 14 council meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Pool Ordinance Concerns: It was determined that the current wording of the pool ordinance needed to be changed due to the unavailability of portable pool covers that meet the specifications outlined in the section of the ordinance concerning portable pools. It was proposed to change the wording from: [8. Covers. All Portable/Temporary pools shall be adequately covered or drained when not in use. Covers must be well-maintained and secured and fitted to the swimming pool to prevent a child, adult or animal from getting over, under or through. The pool cover fabric must hold a static weight of 485 pounds. Every entrance to a pool, such as a ladder, must be secured or adequately safeguarded to prevent unauthorized entry into the pool.] to the updated wording: [8. Portable Pools. All Portable/Temporary pools shall be adequately covered, fenced, or drained and stored when not in use. Every entrance to a pool, such as a ladder, must be secured or adequately safeguarded to prevent unauthorized entry into the pool. Children should never be left unsupervised around a portable pool.] Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to make this change to the pool ordinance and send it to council for review. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on 410 S. Bridge Street Property Maintenance: Sue Kelm was present and updated the committee on their process of trying to secure funding to tear down the house on the property. The Kelms had applied for a loan from the bank to do this, but they were denied the loan due to the financial status of their farming business. Ron Kelm may be receiving some funds from the USDA for the farm. It is possible that some of this money could go toward tearing down the Bridge Street property. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to give the Kelms another 30 days to address this matter and request that they attend the August committee meeting. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on 650 N. Margaret Street Property: Mayor Slate recused himself from the discussion. An email from Connie Wilsnack was shared that listed some of the actions she has taken to address the property. As of this time, none of the required repairs have been made to any of the buildings. Motion by Ald. Triemstra/Ald. Bieszki (in place of Mayor) to continue moving forward with the process to raze buildings 5, 6 and 9 if they are not brought up to serviceable condition by July 31, 2020. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Discussion and Action on Chicken Ordinance: Permit fees for the proposed chicken ordinance were discussed. There would be an annual fee of \$25 to cover the City Clerk's time to process the permit and a one time maximum fee of \$85 for the building inspector to review the permit and map. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda to send the chicken ordinance and permit fee schedule to the council for a vote. Motion carried 3-1, Opposed-Ald. Triemstra.

Discussion and Action on Complaints about 1775 N. Margaret Street Property: Ald. Thiem recused himself from the discussion and spoke as a citizen on the state of his property. Motion by Mayor Slate/Ald. Triemstra to request that Adam Thiem correct ordinance section 273-5 violations A and B by September 1, 2020. Motion carried. Ald. Thiem abstained. Motion #2 by Mayor Slate/Ald. Kazda that Adam update the committee on ordinance section 273-5 violations C,D,J, and K at the August 4, 2020 meeting. Motion carried. Ald. Thiem abstained.

Adjournment: Motion by Ald. Triemstra/Ald. Kazda to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.