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Town of Pomona Park - Town Council & Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 (6:00 pm) This meeting was held at Town Hall for Council only and for Public VIA TELECONFERENCE. Call 1-888-204-5987 Access Code is 3674654#

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Dr. Robert Warren (attended by phone), Lynda Linkswiler, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, James Griffin, and Victor Szatkowski were all present. Attorney Sherar, Clerk Donna Fontana and Treasurer Kelly Krupski were present.

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag in the previous meeting. There was a moment of silence for former Mayor Alonzo Middleton.

Clerk read correspondence.

The Mayor asked all council members if they were comfortable with all the notice provisions set forth and these uniform rules of procedures we have established for this virtual meeting? The Mayor took a roll call in the previous meeting and it was unanimous that all council approved.

Meeting Minutes:

The Mayor requested approval of the First Budget Reading Minutes for 9/9/20; Council Meeting Minutes 9/9/20; Final Budget Minutes for 9/21/20; CDBG 2nd Public Hearing Minutes 9/21/20. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to adopt the minutes, Councilwoman Evans and Councilman Warren both seconded. The Motion was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business:

Treasurer Krupski gave the financial review. There were no questions.

Guest Speakers:

None.

Public Hearing items:

None.

New Business:

Linda Armstrong did not attend regarding the reopening of the Community Center.

Sue Condol did not appear regarding moving the children's school bus stop at Feagal. The Council chose to discuss it anyway. There was discussion that there was a request to move the bus stop from its current location over to the Edge Water Community because there are more children that it would help. There was discussion whether this could be accomplished through an easement or a lease. Councilwoman Evans made a motion to move the bus stop to the Edge Water Community through either a lease or an easement. Councilman Griffin seconded. Mayor



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Joe asked Attorney Sherar to contact the owner of Edge Water and discuss this so we can schedule the move. The vote was unanimous to approve the Motion.

Maintenance Supervisor Bruce Wolfred discussed a proposed permanent part time position for maintenance. There was discussion on where this funding could come from. The Clerk explained page 20 handout of where the funds could come from without amending the budget. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to approve the position and Councilwoman Evans seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the Motion.

Clerk asked Council if they were interested in approving all holidays that fall on the permanent part time position's work days to be paid. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to approve the payment of holidays that fall on the work days of the employee and Councilwoman Mead seconded. The vote was 6 in favor of the Motion and 1 opposed (Councilwoman Evans). Motion passed.

Clerk Fontana explained that there will be a Property Tax Deed Sale for address 1771 S. Hwy 17. This is the building beside Town Hall. There was discussion that this building could be used for records storage until the widening of the highway when the county will need to purchase it from the Town. Councilwoman Evans made a Motion to approve the Attorney to bid up to \$10,000 for 1771 S. Hwy. 17 property and it was seconded by Councilman Griffin. There was further discussion. 5 voted in favor of the Motion and 2 opposed (Mayor and Councilwoman Linkswiler). The Attorney will bid up to \$10,000 and then will notify Clerk if we won the bid and how much to make the check out for the auction. There was further discussion on approaching the current owner and offering to purchase it directly from her (Shirley Straker). We were sure if there are more heirs to her late husband's estate and so some research will have to be done. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to allow Attorney Sherar to discuss with the owner the possibility of purchasing the property from her and it was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. The vote was 6 in favor of the Motion and 1 opposed (Councilwoman Linkswiler).

Attorney Craig Sherar discussed the code case on 549 W. Main, old Sap property which was sold in a tax deed sale. The Clerk is in the process of working with County Inspectors and Codes to ensure that the new owner completely removes the remaining debris of the home.

Mayor & Clerk discussed code cases plan to include driving the Town and making a list of violations and ranking them worst to least so that we can get started on writing violations. Clerk said that she would start with sending violation letters to 109 and 110 East Main St.

Clerk asked Council to approve the Engagement Letter for Auditor Ron Moats in the amount of \$12,000 which is an increase of \$800 because of a new regulation in the Yellow Book standards to have a CPA review the final audit report. Councilman Griffin made a Motion to approve the execution of the Engagement Letter and it was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. The Motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

There was discussion about Covid-19 and the continuing need to keep the Community Center closed to avoid large gatherings and reduce the chance of spreading the virus.



Questions and comments. – None

Upcoming events: Were reviewed from the packet.

Councilman Griffin made a Motion to adjourn.
Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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