

MANTORVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020
6:30 PM

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present: Chuck Bradford, Henry Blair, Don Hofstad, Luke Nash, Sharon Davern

Others Present: Joan Nesbit, Brian Hindal, Mary Jo Rosin, Dale and Annie Brannan, Terry Eckstein, Lyle Hoaglund, Paul Larsen, Alex Nuehring – DCI, Mary Ann Bucher, Tyler Vermeesch – DCSO, City Staff Joe Adams, Shelly Germundson and Cami Reber.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Done

3. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda** - None

4. **Consent Agenda** – Motion made by Member Hofstad, second by Member Nash to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- a) City Council Meeting Minute's June 8, 2020
- b) Warrant List June 22, 2020
- c) MRA Meeting Minutes June 9, 2020

Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Concerns**

Dale Brannan, 325 5th Street East, noted that there are new neighbors moving in next to him and asked if we can place the pins that were removed from the road project.

6. **Public Hearing(s)** - None

7. **Old Business/New Business**

- a) **Mantorville Chamber – Proposal for Alternatives to Building Demolition**

Terry Eckstein, Chamber President, approached the Council on the old Radiator Shop building. He is requesting that the City Council delay their plans for demolition to give them time to approach for a new business. If it's done right, he feels the new owner or tenant could bring it up to code.

Paul Larsen gave some history on the building. He noted one of its uses was previously a creamery, Wilson & Dairy Company. He talked about the buildings that have been lost within the Historic District and feels all buildings are important and to lose this one would be a lost opportunity for someone.

Lyle Hoaglund feels this is an Economic Development Opportunity for the Community. We can't afford to lose any more buildings and we need to preserve and restore the Historic structures. He feels the City should consider restoring it and he doesn't think it would be too difficult to restore.

Member Nash noted we are doing what we can for someone who is interested. He asked if someone will be required to rebuild per the MRA requirements? Paul Larsen noted that only the exterior would be considered. Terry Eckstein noted that everything is subject to City Council approval.

Mayor Nash noted there is someone that is considering reuse of the building and it doesn't preclude someone else from coming forward with another option. Member Blair noted that we would like to see this sold and on the tax rolls. It has been for sale pretty much the whole time although we haven't done anything with it.

Member Hofstad discussed the problems from the flood last year and noted everything he lost. He said he had contractors look at it previously and would have liked to have put his business here. There was a lot that he would have had to do to make it usable. He also noted the items that were lost by the Fire Department in the flood. He isn't sure how you would make it flood proof and ADA compliant. He noted the inspector from CMS that went into it and noted his concerns. He doesn't want to see another business go through what he went through when he lost everything this last year.

Mayor Bradford noted that we have not actually listed it. If we could get it back in the private domain that would be our preference – another taxable property – but with eyes wide open. It would have to be a business that could take those types of risks. Any proposal that is brought forward could be considered.

Further discussion took place. Motion made by Member Nash, second by Member Davern to officially list the building for sale as soon as we can, take all offers as they come and deal with this property officially at the first meeting in August. Offers should be submitted by August 1. Is there interest out there knowing all of the hurdles that have to be met? The offer to purchase would be with the understanding that it has to be brought up to code. The proposals need to show how it will be brought up to code, sort of like an RFP. Member Blair noted that if a real, fair and reasonable approach is brought forward with details, the City would have the ability to delay but we need something legitimate and real. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Chapter 50.01 Discharge into the Sanitary Sewer System – Request for Amendment

Cami explained the request for the amendment to Chapter 50.01 as it relates to sump pumps. We want to make sure that everything is up to code as we are beginning the sump pump inspections and we have found a few inconsistencies. It is the consensus of the Council to move forward and bring a draft amendment for the Council to review.

8. TBD

a) Public Works Report – Joe Adams updated the Council on the rip rap placed below the dam. This is the final piece of the Flood Damage projects from last summer.

b) City Clerk Report – Cami reported on the scheduling of the meter change outs and the start date for that in the beginning of July. She asked what direction the Council wants to proceed in for future meetings. To continue with both in person and virtual? Member Davern would like us to consult with our City Attorney on this. Have him present at the 1st meeting in July.

c) Consultant Report – None

d) Committee Report

- Chamber – Member Davern noted they are holding a brain storming session set for Thursday at the Riverside Park Shelter to discuss economic growth in Mantorville.
- Fire Department – Member Hofstad reported on lifting of the restrictions for first responder calls, it is business as usual with trainings held outside and meetings in Fire Hall.

e) Council Member Report - None

f) Mayor Report - None

9. Executive Session - None

10. Adjourn – Motion made by Member Nash, second by Member Blair to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm. Motion passed unanimously.