

WATERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

MAY 31, 2022, 5:00 P.M.

There was a special meeting of the Waterville City Council held in the Council Chambers at 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2022.

Present: Grobe, Smith, McIntyre and Mayor Schmidtke

Absent: Wollin

Also Present: Administrator/Clerk Hill, City Attorney Jason Moran, City Engineer Jason Femrite, County Commissioner Lance Wetzel, Waterville Township Chairperson Alan Gehrke.

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Schmidtke Called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. noting that all Council members were present except Dave Wollin. Also present: Teresa Hill, Jason Moran, Jason Femrite, Waterville Township Alan Gehrke. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda/Additional Items to Agenda.

Motion by Smith, Seconded by Grobe to approve the agenda as written. Motion Carried 4-0.

New Business

Common Street Vacation. A request was presented to vacate an Undeveloped portion of Common Street from the existing football field goal post to the fence line along developed Common Street. Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to open the public hearing. Motion Carried 4-0. Mayor Schmidtke invited those present to speak. No one wished to address the Council. **Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to close the public hearing. Motion carried 4-0.**

Resolution 2022R-022 Vacating a Portion of Common Street. Motion by McIntyre, Seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2022R-022 Vacating a portion of Common Street. Motion carried 4-0.

Sunset Lane Work Session. Alan Gehrke addressed the council about Annexation. Administrator Hill provided background on discussions held with the property owners to extend services to residents of Sunset Lane. Jason Femrite worked on an exhibit to provide services as a result of the property owner discussion. There is private property ownership that abuts the city road that block access to Sunset lane. It was decided that the property owners would have the task of acquiring the land needed for the installation of water and sewer. Mr. Moran advised that a price would need to be negotiated or possible condemnation. Mr. Gehrke commented that the owners really do not have any options. Mr. Moran inquired who plows the road? Mr. Gehrke informed him that there are a handful of people. The Township and County do not. Mr. Femrite advised he put together and exhibit to establish a 60 ft. right of way and centering a 24 ft wide road along it acquiring .06 acres by the 1st parcel abutting the City Street and the rest is about .92 acres needed to establish a right of way. The exhibit is not survey accurate and provides information of what it could look like. A survey would need to be done to figure out exact boundaries. Discussion was held on acquisition and Eminent Domain. Commissioner Wetzel arrived at 5:09 p.m. Commissioner Wetzel explained that the lots need to be straightened out and they do not have room to put in any kind of a septic system. Council member Smith inquired how they were operating now. Wetzel commented that they are operating non-compliant holding tanks. Mayor Schmidtke commented and Mr. Femrite agreed that a survey would be a starting point prior to road

dedication. John Ridgeway, 50362 Sunset Lane, informed the Council that all of the properties were surveyed, platted and registered with the County. Discussion was held on the challenges of building a road. Mr. Wetzel commented that we did not need to come to a decision. There are a lot of hoops to jump through to do this properly. Discussion was held on who would have the authority to expend funds on this project. Mr. Moran advised that the best thing would be if the homeowners could work this out. It was agreed on by the entities that a survey would be starting point. Mr. Femrite suggested that if the property owners came up with the survey than an exhibit could be drafted. Discussion was held on the purpose of the L.L.C. When it was established. Commissioner Wetzel will work with Rick Gains from the L.L.C. and research at the County if it was recorded. Commissioner Wetzel commented that after the information is gathered, the city would need to decide if they wanted to take this on.

Adjourn.

Motion by Smith, Seconded by McIntyre to adjourn. Motion Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Alan Schmidtke, Mayor

Teresa Hill, Administrator-Clerk