

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

Charles City city council met in a planning session on February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Jerry Joerger, DeLaine Freeseaman, Dan Mallaro and Michael Hammond. Also present were city administrator Steve Diers and city engineer John Fallis.

Mayor Andrews commented that the League of Cities had sent out an action call concerning the state backfill. It is in debate now and is in danger of being cut drastically. He urged everyone to contact our representatives on this matter. Changing the council meeting dates was discussed again and it was decided to leave them the same.

Karl Gesch from the Iowa Soybean Association presented information on the proposed sponsored project for which the city will be submitting an application. We are one of three cities the Iowa Soybean Association is working with on sponsored projects. We have been working with a group comprised of local farmers and city staff/residents to help form this project. He listed the local goals identified by the group and a thirteen year timeline was set for accomplishment of these goals. The sponsored project application will be submitted this week.

The 28E agreement for operation of the local cable channel was reviewed. This had been revised by the broadband commission and will be for FY19 and FY20. Payments to the community revitalization for administration of the local channel remained the same at \$10,000 and \$3900. The board of supervisor meetings have been recorded and aired for the past several months and the commission has asked them to pay \$3000 to go toward that endeavor. Comment was made that it would be nice to see some more reporting to the council on what is being done by the school for the videotaping. With the decrease in Mediacom subscribers, it means a decrease in this cable franchise fee.

Hildreth Street project reviewed. This will be a total reconstruction of Hildreth from Gilbert Street to Ninth Street. The current 37 foot width will be maintained with an addition of sharrows, which are shared lane markings for bicyclists. New water main and storm sewer system will be installed. The unlined sanitary sewers will be removed and replaced. The water and sanitary sewer service lines between the mains and the sidewalks will also be replaced. Almost 30 trees will need to be removed for this project with the majority of them being ash trees. Letters have been sent to the affected property owners telling them about the project. Project will be done this summer with final completion in October.

The city has been approached for possible interest in the former Cedar Health building. This was vacated in December as a senior home and due to regulations, it can not be operated as a senior home in it's current state. City staff, as well as an architect, have toured the building to assess it and they see some possibilities of utilizing it for use by the city. Staff would like to get some direction from the council on their interest in pursuing this further as a possible location for city hall and any other options. Council would like to look at the building and have an architect take another look to get some ideas of what might be done with it as well as a rough estimate of remodeling from an engineer. Staff will find an afternoon that will work for the council and we will have a council meeting to tour the facility.

City administrator Diers asked the council to keep their workbooks updated and run the malware software on them to keep them updated. An update on McQuillen Place will be planned for the March 26 planning session since Diers will be gone for the March 14 planning session. Mayor Andrews and Diers will be meeting with the Parkside Development group March 6 to discuss the status of their development.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk