

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 13, 2018

Charles City city council met in a planning session on June 13, 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 and Michael Hammond. Dan Mallaro was absent.

A draft of a proposed truck and trailer ordinance was reviewed. We have started receiving more and more complaints on this issue so an ordinance has been drafted to address this. We currently do not allow trucks and trailers to park in the business districts and this ordinance would just extend that to residential districts in the city. It would not prohibit campers and RVs from being parked in the street at this time. Police chief Hugh Anderson stated that this will make it easier to enforce because they don't have to catch them driving to give a ticket. Discussion on exactly what vehicles will be prohibited. This ordinance will be on the June 18 meeting for a first reading.

The street department has received quotes on a new street sweeper that has been budgeted for FY19. The one they would like to purchase is the same brand as the current one but with a different design. These types of machines have an expected 8 to 10 year useful. The model they would like to purchase costs \$198,229 with trade in. It was budgeted at \$240,000 and will be paid out of Road Use Tax. This item will be on the June 18 agenda for council action.

The sidewalk on Main Street and Clark Street around the McQuillen project was discussed. Staff has been in discussion with the project owners on the city putting in the sidewalk and then assessing the costs back to the property. City attorney Brad Slotter will work on obtaining waivers from the owners to help expedite the process of issuing notices for the assessment. It is scheduled to approve the preliminary plans for this project at the July 2 meeting with a deadline of November 2 for completion. Council member Freeseaman asked if the deadline could be sooner, we've been waiting a long time for this sidewalk to get done. City engineer Fallis replied that the summer projects have already been lined up by contractors and if we give too soon of a deadline, no one will be able to bid on it since it's a pretty large project. The estimated cost for this project is \$55,000. It was asked if there was anything the city could do to get the McQuillen Project done quicker. Is their building permit still viable, can we use that to get some action taken by the owner? Staff was asked to research this option and see what can be done. It was noted that there are several other projects going on around town that have stalled out, we need to try and get them done by applying whatever pressure we can.

The Floyd County Firefighters' Association would like to put up a fire training facility on a portion of the old White Farm site. This use is not covered in our current zoning ordinance, so an ordinance has been drafted adding it to the M-2 district as a special use and also adding a definition for a fire training facility. Planning and zoning held a public hearing tonight on this and they are recommending approval of this ordinance. The special use will have to go through board of adjustment and they can put restrictions on the permit to keep any possible nuisances to a minimum. This ordinance will be on the June 18 agenda for first reading and setting a public hearing.

City administrator Steve Diers reported that the recent heavy rains have caused issues with sinkholes and storm sewer intakes plugging. Lightning also struck the wastewater plant. There was also some water issues in Siems addition area.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk