

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 27, 2016

Charles City City Council met in a planning session on June 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor James Erb 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 assistant city attorney Brad Slotter.

Mayor Erb commented on an email he had received from Lisa Meyer, Phyllis Meyer's daughter, outlining the origins of Victory Park. This project has been a collaboration between Charles City Park and Rec, Arts Council, City Improvement Association and private donors and hopes are to have it completed by 2017.

Larry Kurtz, architect, was on hand to review the time line for Victory Park improvements. Plans are to pour the footings for the bridge sculpture by August 15. On July 5, city council will act on approval of letting bids and setting a public hearing on the park improvements. Completion date for this project has been extended to 2017 in hopes of securing more favorable bids. Plans will be released Sept 9 with bids due back by September 19.

Kara Shannon was present to discuss her request for a 5K run to be held the morning of August 27. The route will run past the school buildings in town. She has discussed the route with the police department and will have two major street crossings manned with people to help the runners cross safely.

Joe Hull from Hot Shots Billiards was present to discuss his request for use of the city parking lot to the south of his building for an event on July 30. The event will start at 11:00 with a bean bag tournament and a DJ will be playing throughout the day. A live band will perform starting at 7 or 8 and ending at midnight or one. Snow fence will be installed around the perimeter and one entrance in will be manned. Beer will be sold outside and wrist bands for legal age patrons will be used. The area will be coned off the night before to be sure no cars park in the space.

Tim Fox, director for the Area Development Corporation, was on hand to discuss an amendment to the contract that MITAS tires has with IEDA. They are asking for a one year extension on the tax credits and have received approval from the state already. This item will be on the next council meeting for approval.

Police chief Hugh Anderson informed the council that we have been receiving lots of complaints recently on truck trailers and campers being parked on city streets. Current code restricts trucks to travel on designated truck routes only. But if an officer finds one parked on a street off the route, a ticket can't be issued because the truck is not being driven at that moment. Spirit Lake's ordinance dealing with trucks and trailers was distributed as an example of restriction of parking for these vehicles. Some concern over residents who do not have any off street parking at their residence not having anyplace else to park their camper. Semi trucks have other suitable places in town they can park their rigs and then drive a car to their residence. Council directed city staff to consult with the city attorney and draft an ordinance to address these issues and bring back to council for more discussion.

City administrator Diers informed the council that he and the mayor will be attending a water quality academy session on Wednesday. Steve will also be attending a broadband regional meeting in Cedar Falls Thursday to discuss the regional effort and update that group on our local efforts. The consulting firms for the joint law enforcement project will be interviewed by the sub committee on July 19 and July 28.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

James A. Erb, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City clerk