

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
JULY 13, 2022

Charles City city council met in a planning session on July 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in council chambers. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: Keith Starr, Patrick Lumley, DeLaine Freeseaman, Phoebe Pittman and Phillip Knighten. Also present was city engineer John Fallis.

Mayor Andrews reported that the two new murals in town have been started.

Larry Hibbs, representing Izaak Walton League, presented a check for \$1500 to go toward the edible arboretum the city is doing on Clark Street.

A house owned by Barry Mackey located at 701 Milwaukee suffered a structure fire in February of this year. He would like to fix it. Since this project will be beyond the standard time frame that the insurance keeps the reserve, Barry has agreed to pay the city the amount of the reserve which we will then refund back to him once the project is completed within city code. Building inspectors will periodically inspect this project along the way to be sure it is being done in compliance with the city's building code. There is a timeline for completion in the agreement. Barry had made a couple of very minor wording changes in the agreement and city attorney Slotter is fine with those. This item will be on the next regular agenda for council consideration.

Water superintendent Cory Spieker has suggested a contract be made with 120Water for a lead and copper inventory of the city's mains and citizens water service lines. This is necessary due to new regulations by the EPA. If lead lines are found, the owner needs to pay for replacement. This inventory needs to be completed by 2024 and this company can meet that deadline.

The grinding contract with T and W Grinding is set to be renewed. They come to the city twice a year to do the grinding of the tree limbs generated from city residents. The price has gone up somewhat to \$26,856/year but the largest increase is in the fuel surcharge. It has been changed to anything over \$2.50/gallon for diesel. We have been hit hard with requests to take down dead ash trees, estimation is that we have about 800 left to come down. T and W does a great job for us and we are in their rotation currently.

The state has made changes to UTV regulations that now allow them in cities. We need to change our ordinance to reflect this change and match the state code. We can't regulate the hours of operation or charge them a permit fee. We are able to prohibit them from operating on our trails and in our parks. Chief Hugh Anderson stated that we have had some minor issues since we passed this ordinance this spring.

Lions Fly In breakfast is this Sunday at the airport starting at 8:00 a.m. Council member Starr reported that the recent car show sponsored by the Rotary Club went well.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest:

Trudy O'Donnell, City Clerk