

City of Strathmoor Manor Minutes for December 8, 2020

In attendance: Commissioners: Brooke Heitz (Exited meeting at 7:45), Kathy Zandona, Susan Stopher, Bob Peterson and Brian Cobb; John Harrison, Attorney; Police Chief, Mike Lamey; Resident, Ron Hirsch; and Resident Johnny Evans.

The Minutes for the October, 2020 meeting will be approved at the January meeting.

The Resolution Series 2020, Number 8 authorizing the Strathmoor Manor Commission to meet in a “zoom” format in accordance with the state of emergency in regard to Covid-19 epidemic was unanimously passed.

Police Business - Lamey outlined the October and November 2020 police reports.

Resident Business - Ron Hirsch and Johnny Evans expressed concerns that the Manor should have a Facebook page where all residents may post without editorial review. Cobb reported that he discussed the issue with other city officials and only one city he spoke with, Wellington, had a Facebook pages where residents may post. Cobb noted that Wellington maintains control of the page and removes any post they feel that is not within their guidelines. Cobb reported that for the others cities, if they have a page, only the public officials may post. Harrison stated his recommendation is that the City not have a Facebook page. After lengthy discussion and a resident desire to present more information, it was decided to continue this discussion at the January meeting.

Financial-

The November 2020 Financial reports were previously distributed by email for review. and accepted by all.

Peterson noted that a CD at Republic will require action at the end of the month. The Commission unanimously agreed to renew it at Republic for one year.

It was noted that property taxes are owed on two properties:

-Miles Harrison, 2108 Lowell Avenue. Harrison purchased this house on May 6, 2020. The 2019-2020 taxes were settled at closing with the previous owner. According to the closing attorney, the purchaser was advised he would need to pay the 2020-2021 taxes. The Commissioner Treasurer Peterson, sent the late tax notice to the resident and a copy of the PVA prepared tax notice. The closing attorney asked that the late fees and penalties be waived. After discussion, the Commission unanimously elected to maintain the interest and penalties per tax ordinance. Peterson reported the amount that **is** presently due through December 21,2020 is \$955.94. If payment is made past that due

date that amount will incur an additional 1.5% interest charge of \$14.34, bringing the new amount due to \$970.28. Peterson would respond to the emails requesting that penalties and interest be waived.

-Edward Oldham, 2121 Lowell Avenue
Harrison will send letters to these owners.

General City -

Personnel items are being left in the Park and this matter is being tabled.

City Business/Legal -

Harrison will provide the bid for sidewalk repair and ADA compliance at the January meeting.

Harrison noted that the Mayor should wear in the Commissioners on January 1. Harrison will send the oath to the Mayor. Harrison said this oath could be done by signed letter. Commissioners Stopher, Peterson, and Heitz were on the ballot and Zandona was an official write-in candidate. The votes are recorded for all 4 on the Jefferson County Board of Elections website.

Maintenance Report -

Jody Nalley has been repairing street signs, cleaning stop sign poles, and installing new stop signs. Cobb suggested we buy approximately 10 more new signs., so they will be uniform in appearance. He will survey the signs and order them with Nalley installing them.

No action to date on tree planting.

Communication - The commissioners discussed what should be done about the Facebook page if this again becomes a contentious issue. After the discussion, The commissioners unanimously directed Cobb to close the page if this again becomes a contentious problem. It was noted that this decision reflects a commission decision made at a meeting with a quorum.

Next meeting will be January 26, 2021.