

CITY OF PLEASANTVILLE

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday March 6, 2017 at 5:30PM

Mayor Bill Moore opened the special meeting at 5:30PM Monday March 6, 2017. Council Members Pam Bull, Aaron Hurt, John Franey and Steve Marsh present. Council member Jordan Van Ness was absent.

New Business:

Mayor Moore opened the public hearing for the FY 2018 budget. With no questions or comments council member Hurt made a motion to close the hearing. Seconded by Franey, all voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Franey to pass and approve Resolution 17-08, adopting the FY 2018 budget. All voting in favor motion carried.

Parks and Rec Director Jordan Flaws, addressed the council about his position. He was informed that the position would be going to a part-time as of July, he expressed his concern about this as the program would have to rely heavily on volunteers. Flaws explained that the youth recreational activities are a big factor for families when they are looking to move to our community. He informed the council that participation has gone up about 10% since he has been with the city. Flaws explained to the council that he has added tournaments to the schedule and this will bring more revenue for the recreation department. He asked the council if they would reconsider and keep this a full-time position. Several individuals attended the meeting to express their concerns and show their support for the recreation program. The council asked about the fee schedules for the sports and would like Flaws to do a comparison of surrounding communities and possibly raise registration prices as this would help generate more revenue for the program. The recreation department is in the budget as a full-time position through FY 2018. The council would like Flaws to set up a meeting with the parks and recreation board and put together a plan to show the council revenue sources for the next fiscal year.

Mrstik provided the council with a spreadsheet on family health insurance. He expressed that the council should contribute to a family insurance plan to help retain vital employees. Mrstik expressed concern of losing employees due to this. The council discussed different options and percentages that the city would contribute. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Bull to approve the city to pay 65% of the family plan and the employee to pay 35%, the city's share will be \$540.51 and the employee's share will be \$291.04 per month. Bull aye, Hurt aye, Franey nay, Marsh aye. Motion carried.

Mrstik informed the council about a DNR grant that is currently available for the city to apply for. If approved this grant will tie into the water shed project and will be used for the landscaping project. The grant is 42 pages and will take Municipal Connections approximately 10 hours to complete, they have provided the council a scope and fee in the amount of \$650.00. Motion by Marsh, seconded by Bull to approve Municipal Connections to complete the grant for \$650.00. All voting in favor motion carried.

Old Business:

The council reviewed the sidewalk notices to property owners. Motion by Hurt, seconded by Franey to approve the notices with an August 31, 2017 deadline. All voting in favor motion carried.

Motion by Hurt, seconded by Marsh to adjourn the meeting. All voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor, Bill Moore

City Clerk, Rachel Reed