

September 20th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

The Castlewood City council met on the above date at 7:00 pm with the following members present: Mayor Brian Ries, Heather Schmit, Chad Ries, LeeAnne Dufek, Jeanette Bohls, Steph Goldhorn and Beau Schooley. Also present Finance Officer Logan Kool, Todd Kays with First District, Justin Bucher of Banner via Teams, and Clint Davis.

Mayor Ries called the meeting to order, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda by C.Ries, second by H. Schmit, all members present voting aye and the motion passed.

Mayor Ries called the planning commission to order acting jointly as the Castlewood City Council and opened the joint public hearing on Ordinance 2023-17.

Meeting turned over to Todd Kays to provide overview Ordinance 2023-17. Kays explained several meetings have taken place to update this new zoning ordinance. An amendment to the ordinance was recommended by the City Attorney to strike one regular meeting each month from the verbiage in the ordinance. An amendment due to a numerical error on shop houses was also needed.

Public was invited to comment on Ordinance 2023-17 and there was no public comment.

Mayor Ries closed the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-17.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2023-17, as amended by Bohls and second by Dufek. All members present voting aye and motion passes 6-0. Planning Commission was adjourned.

The Castlewood City Council reconvened. A motion was made to have the 2nd reading and approve Ordinance 2023-17, as amended by C. Ries and second by H. Schmit. All members present voting aye and the motion passes 6-0.

Finance Officer Kool provided council with the latest code enforcement report from Tim Austin regarding his progress with cleaning up the city.

A motion was made to approve a 90-day building permit extension at 402 E Main St by Goldhorn and second by C. Ries. All members present voting aye and the motion passes 6-0.

Discussion was had on traffic and school children at the intersection of 3rd avenue and Alice Street, currently a very busy intersection due to the road closure at Harry Street for the mobile units. More discussion on the flow of traffic and pedestrians throughout the city at the Oct 2nd meeting.

City Attorney Todd Wilkinson drew up a purchase agreement with Rylan Ojala regarding Castlewood Industrial Park 2nd Addition lots 2 & 3 being sold back to the city at the same amount Ojala purchased them for, \$16,000. A motion was made to approve the Ojala purchase agreement by Dufek and second by Bohls, all members present voting aye, motions passe 6-0.

Castlewood resident Clint Davis had some questions as to the design of the Prairie Street Road Project. Justin Bucher with Banner would provide drawing for a visual at the Oct 2nd meeting. More discussion would take place on the future of the Prairie Street road project at the Oct 2nd meeting.

A motion to approve the final draft of the 2021 audit report was made by H. Schmit and second by Dufek, all members present voting aye, motion passes 6-0.

Executive Session Personnel. SDCL 1-25-2 (3). A motion was made to go into executive session at 7:30 p.m. by C. Ries and second by H. Schmit, all members present voting aye, motion passes 6-0. Kool was asked to attend executive session. The Mayor declared council out of executive session at 7:35 p.m. A motion was made to approve Phillip Johnson the city's certified water operator counter request of \$400/month by Bohls and second by Goldhorn. All members present voting aye, motions passes 6-0.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. by H. Schmit and second by C. Ries, all members present voting aye, motion passes 6-0.

Logan Kool
Finance Officer