

Special meeting January 24, 2024

The Castlewood City Council met on the above date at 6 pm with the following members present: Heather Schmit, Stef Goldhorn, LeeAnne Dufek, Chad Ries & Beau Schooley. Also present: Mayor Brian Ries & Interim Finance Officer Kristie Sikkink. Absent Jeanette Bohls. Other Castlewood patrons also attended the meeting.

Mayor Ries called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ries led the council in the pledge of allegiance.

Code enforcement was on the table for discussion. Tim Austin, Code Enforcement Specialist, is present at the meeting. Tim Austin engaged in discussion with the city council to explain the code enforcement process. No specific properties were in discussion. Mr. Austin expressed that if a property owner has received a letter his contact information is always listed. It was stated that property owners are not to call city hall, but to contact him. It was also stated the property owner has ample amount of time to satisfy the violation.

Motion by Alderman C. Ries to enter executive session, second by Alderwoman Schmit, all voting aye, motion carried. Time noted 6:21 p.m.

Mayor Ries declared out of executive session; time noted 6:40 p.m.

Petition for a change in zoning classification received by Brenda McKee Almos. Petition request is to change from "AG" Agricultural to "R1" Residential.

Mayor Ries called the Planning Commission and City Council Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Order.

Mayor Ries stated that the City Council will be serving as both the Planning Commission and City Council for this portion of the meeting.

7:00 pm the public hearing was open.

No residents presented any dispute.

Mayor Ries closed the Public Hearing.

The Planning Commission then held a discussion on the property.

Motion by Alderwoman Dufek to recommend approval of the rezoning seconded by Goldhorn. Recommendation approved.

Mayor Ries declared out of the Planning Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Dufek, second by Alderwoman Schmit to approve First reading of Ordinance 353-1. Change in zoning classification. All voted aye, motion carried. Second reading scheduled for February 7th, 7:00 p.m.

Todd Kays with the First District Association of Local Governments is in attendance to have discussion regarding the City of Castlewood's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. This plan is needed for communities to have effective zoning regulations. The city council and Mr. Kays discussed the current and future land use maps shown. It was mutually agreed the land use maps were acceptable.

Todd Kays also held a discussion regarding Hamlin County Hazzard Mitigation Plan. The plans need to be reviewed and discussed every 5 years. The communities are asked to participate in the planning process as it allows cities to apply for project funding. Discussion held and projects identified.

7:28 Mayor Ries left the meeting. Acting as duties of the mayor is Castlewood City Council Vice President LeeAnne Dufek.

7:30 Alderman C. Ries left the meeting.

Todd Kays noted the public hearing to discuss the Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be held on February 28th 6:00 p.m.

Economic development board members Breeanna Beebe and Landon Vetter have fulfilled their term. If anyone is interested in being on the economic development board, please contact city hall.

Mayor Ries arrived at the meeting. Time noted 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Schmit to enter executive session, second by Goldhorn, all voted aye, motion carried. Time noted 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Ries declared out of executive session. Time noted 9:20 p.m.

There being no further business to discuss motion by Schmit to adjourn the meeting, second by Goldhorn, all voted aye, motion carried.

Brian Ries
Mayor

Kristie Sikkink
Interim Finance Officer