



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING Minutes Caucus Meeting December 7, 2021

After the pledge and invocation by Amy Hurst, Mayor Stinson called the meeting to order.

The following Council Members answering roll call:

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| Amy Hurst       | Present | Joyce Carson    | Present |
| Craig Owen      | Present | Sebastian Ernst | Present |
| Darryl Ammerman | Present | Luke Price      | Absent  |

Also Present: Attorney Rachel Wilhite

Drs. Lenihan and Copes, along with Heather Fronk with Total Care Pharmacy were present to advise Council of their desire to move more quickly on the acquisition of land located on the Klee property for their purposes of new construction of a dentist office and pharmacy. They have concerns that with a Letter of Intent having been signed with the Abigail Project, the delays discussed would not meet their timeline. They are expecting and hoping to break ground somewhere, after the holidays. While the ideal location is the Klee property, they are resigned to look elsewhere if the timing is delayed. They plan to have a site secured, break ground and construction being by Spring 2022, and be out of the current locations by Spring 2023. There were questions asked of Attorney Wilhite as to the binding of the Letter of Intent. She explained there can be no negotiations or discussion of sale for 60-days from the time the letter was signed, which takes it to January 2022. In the interim, the doctors and pharmacy would investigate utilities and such for what would need to be done at that location. They just wanted to impress upon Council their need and desire to move as quickly as possible on finding another location in the City.

Dave Klaber-Fire Chief gave a brief summary of the report he had submitted.

Mark Moore from Main Street was present to address property owned by his mother where a sink hole has become an ongoing problem. The Maintenance crew has added rock several times, but it is not holding. She is frustrated that she can't get anything done. It was stated that the City Crew has ran out of options as nothing they seem to be doing is a permanent fix. In Gary's absence, Mayor Stinson explained an outside company may need to be called in for their expertise. Clerk Williams reported she had talked to Gary prior to the meeting; and he will make every attempt to get camera equipment to go into pipe and see exactly what is happening.

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There is obvious collapsing through the pipe, but this is not something the City can repair. It was also noted, the State should bear some responsibility to this issue as well.

Clerk Ramona Williams had nothing to report.

Steve Groh was present and again voiced his concerns on blighted properties in the City. It was questioned the process now that Final Orders had been issued and was asking a time frame of when liens would be placed on properties to the timeline when they might file foreclosure. Attorney Whilhite said it could be between a 4-6 month process.



Ron Stinson, Mayor

  
Attest: City Clerk