

A Special Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Thursday, March 8, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Nick Breedveld, Stacey Withee, and Tom Gilmer. Absent: Jim Misner.

Also present: Fire Chief, Brandon Weber; WWTP Superintendent, Luke Keyzer; DPW Supervisor, Mike Bosch; Interim City Manager/Finance Director Storbeck and Interim City Manager/Police Chief Konkle.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Gilmer moved to excuse Commissioner Misner, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Regular February 19, 2018, Meeting Minutes were approved.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF OTSEGO'S ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 18.6 PERMITTED SIGNS – G-I, IPUD – WATER TOWER SIGNS.

Commissioner Withee moved to approve the proposed amendments to the City of Otsego's Zoning Ordinance Section 18.6 Permitted Signs – G-I, IPUD – Water Tower Signs, as presented, seconded by Commissioner Breedveld. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PURCHASE AN AIR COMPRESSOR FROM SAWYER ENGINE AND COMPRESSOR

Commissioner Gilmer moved to approve the purchase of an air compressor from Sawyer Engine and Compressor, not to exceed \$17,500.00, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING THE ROLES/EXPECTATIONS OF THE CITY COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT HEADS & NEW CITY MANAGER

Attorney, Ken Lane led a discussion regarding the roles/expectations of the City Commission, Department Heads and the new City Manager. He reviewed and answered questions regarding the General Authority of City Government as outlined in the City's Charter; the structure of the City of Otsego - Commission-Manager; lines of communication; and the duties of the City Manager, City Commission, and the Department Heads.

New City Manager Mitchell commented that he is comfortable with the roles/expectations as Attorney Lane outlined. He stated that he has an open door policy, where he will give you one hundred percent of his attention. He stated that he reports to the City Commission and he will relay information to the staff.

MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The Interim Managers answered questions of the Commission at this time.
2. Commissioner Breedveld stated that he appreciated that the three Interim City Managers stepped up to fill in. He commented that they did a good job keeping the Commission informed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The City Clerk acknowledged a letter that was written by Jackson Mitchell to the City, thanking the people of Otsego for hiring his Dad as the City Manager.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Robert Alway, 1012 Barton – he commented on the new purchase of the diesel air compressor, stating that the new one should have better emission control.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Withee – she congratulated the Department Heads for doing a wonderful job. She commented that the reports were wonderful to read and she encouraged WWTP Superintendent Keyzer and DPW Supervisor Bosch to continue writing their reports. She commented that it will be a smooth transition and the Interim City Managers did a wonderful job.

Commissioner Gilmer – he concurred with Commissioner Withee's comments. He stated that everyone has done an excellent job. He stated that City Manager Mitchell will be blessed to come here with the solid Department Heads the City has. He commented that it will make his transition easier. He stated that there is a reason that employees stay here as long as they do. He gave a brief update on the basketball team and their season.

Commissioner Breedveld – he commented that Harding's closed yesterday. He stated that Harding's had placed a majority of the employees in other stores. He thanked Harding's for all of their years in Otsego. He thanked Rosemary Parker for putting together a reception for the

Harding's employees at the Museum. He welcomed City Manager Mitchell, commenting that he will enjoy having him here.

Mayor Trobeck – she thanked Attorney Ken Lane for his presentation. She sent positive wishes to Commissioner Misner. She stated that the three Interim Managers did a fantastic job. She thanked Chief Konkle for attending the school safety meetings and listening to the concerns. She commented that today she had her last meeting with all of the Department Heads. She stated that it is very sad the Harding's closed. She welcomed new City Manager Mitchell.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Withee, seconded by Commissioner Gilmer. CARRIED – 7:46 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk