

MINUTES
DAYTON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
September 21, 2015

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth Wytoski
Councilor Annette Frank
Councilor John Bixler
Councilor John Collins
Councilor Trini Marquez
Councilor Erin Taylor

ABSENT: Councilor Darrick Price

STAFF: Scott Pingel, City Manager
Rochelle Roaden, City Recorder

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wytoski called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and those present gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor Wytoski noted there was a quorum with Councilors Bixler, Collins, Frank, Marquez and Taylor. Mayor Wytoski noted the absence of Councilor Price.

C. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

D. WORK SESSION

1. Transient Lodging Tax/Sharing Economy Discussion

Mayor Wytoski remarked that in the administration of the Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) is a League of Oregon Cities (LOC) legislative priority. The LOC Action Team is working to get the statute adjusted in approximately eighteen months so that the State of Oregon could administer the TLT and then distribute payments to the cities. The LOC and the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA) is also in support of the State administering the TLT.

Mayor Wytoski asked Councilor Collins if his revenue estimates for the RV Park were confirmed with the management. Councilor Collins did not confirm his numbers but the Manager told him the majority of the residents are short term. He also believes the new management is focusing on short term stays. City Manager Scott Pingel commented that the City has talked with the RV Park about the TLT and that they were not opposed to the tax. Councilor Collins feels that the rental activity he has included in his calculations is reasonable and on the conservative side with only 120 days.

The Council then discussed the issue of vacation rentals. Councilor Collins commented that the triple bottom line needs to be applied. Identifying the economic, social and environmental impacts. Positive and negative impacts need to be identified with allowing vacation rentals.

Scott Pingel stated that it seems everyone is in consensus with the TLT. In regards to the vacation rentals, the Council will want to make sure and tax vacation rentals and also keep in mind the Land Use issue. Establishing if vacation rentals are allowed and where, so that Land Use code changes can be brought back before the Council and then be enforced.

Mayor Wytoski remarked about the impact allowing vacation rentals in Dayton and the need to make sure that the community is protected. She does not support allowing vacation rentals in residential areas due to the negative economic impact.

The Council then discussed the summary suggestions put forth by Councilor Collins regarding the TLT. Scott Pingel remarked that the suggestions are put together really well. Mayor Wytoski commented that she agreed with all five suggestions.

Councilor Collins remarked that the code needs to be clean and concise eliminating the ability for rental owners to find loopholes. Scott Pingel stated that our code currently does not state that residents cannot rent their home out as a vacation rental. Those that have inquired have been told that they will need to have it approved as a bed and breakfast and that the City Council is taking up this issue. Therefore, the Land Use side needs to be very specific to be able to contain the vacation rentals.

Mayor Wytoski commended Councilor Collins for his memo on the transient lodging tax.

Scott Pingel will bring back a new TLT Ordinance for everyone's consideration.

Discussion continued regarding the revenue generated by the TLT and how that will be administered and allocated.

E. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Councilor John Collins remarked about the speeding issue. Scott Pingel commented that school zone signs on 9th Street will be put up soon. The 15 MPH signs will also be placed. Discussion ensued regarding speed humps, speed bumps and/or adding more stop signs to address the speeding issue.

Mayor Wytoski commented that events are occurring in the park where vendors are present. These events are not City sanctioned and our code is clear about what's allowable in the park. Scott Pingel stated that the City is not being notified that vendors are present. The Mayor suggested that maybe a note is included in the water bill or newsletter letting residents know the rules in the park. Scott will discuss this with the Staff.

Mayor Wytoski will be attending the LOC conference. Councilor Annette Frank and Scott Pingel will be attending the Main Street Conference.

F. INFORMATION REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report

Scott Pingel stated that Drew from USDA and Denny Muchmore will be in attendance at the October 5th meeting to discuss the funding options for the Footbridge Pump Station and possibly doing Highway 221 at the same time.

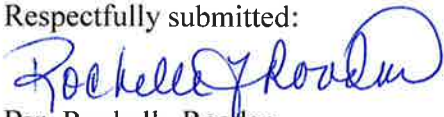
The MBR and docking at the Lagoon is working well. It is performing as AquaArray intended. Meeting with AquaArray to look at cost information for doubling the operation. The meeting with DEQ went very well as the RO water is so clean. Scott will provide cost information at the next Council meeting.

Scott Pingel stated that he is also looking at some of the challenges we have had with the Right of Way in the downtown areas. He will be consulting with the City Attorney and try to understand the liability issue more and determine if our code is too stringent compared to other cities. He will report back to the Council if further discussion is needed.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



By: Rochelle Roaden

City Recorder

APPROVED BY COUNCIL on December 7, 2015.

As Written As Amended


Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor