

MINUTES
DAYTON CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
April 14, 2014

PRESENT: Mayor Elizabeth Wytoski
Councilor John Collins
Councilor Annette Frank
Councilor Darrick Price
Councilor Sandra Utt

ABSENT: Councilor John Bixler

STAFF: Scott Pingel, City Manager
Peggy Selberg, City Recorder

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wytoski called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Mayor Wytoski noted there was a quorum with Councilors Collins, Frank, Price and Utt. Councilor Bixler had an excused absence

C. APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS

No one had signed up for comment

D. WORK SESSION

1. Dayton Harvest Festival

Scott Pingel stated he would like Council to discuss the festival and what the City Council would want the festival to be. He stated from staff's perspective, whatever was decided, staff simply wants to have control over the things they would be held responsible for. Scott Pingel stated some of the questions that Council might want to discuss were:

1. Should the timing of the festival change? Should it be moved back to Old Timer's weekend or a later date in September?
2. Should the festival be bigger or smaller? Should it be more about the parade, senior court and/or corn feed and less of an all day event?
3. Will an expansion of the Friday night activities in Dayton change what Council would want the festival to be?

Scott stated staff's idea was to piggyback on the Friday Nights and perhaps have the parade during Old Timer's weekend. He stated the city could also piggyback on the Friday night of the quick draw championship. Councilor Frank was concerned that doing a couple of Friday nights would take too much time. Mayor Wytoski stated she would like to see them focus on at least two weekends with one of them being Old Timer's weekend. Mayor Wytoski stated they could perhaps have one larger Friday event at the end of August. Scott Pingel stated if the city piggybacks onto the Friday night events staff would only have to focus on the items that the city would be hosting and not the entire event.

Councilor Frank stated she was concerned that the Friday nights was only focusing on promoting the downtown and not as much on community building. Mayor Wytoski stated she did feel the idea of the Harvest Festival was for community building and a service to the community. She stated she would like to be able to involve anyone within the Dayton zip code in the Harvest Festival. She stated by the time of the Harvest Festival in September, many farmers, etc. have already harvested all of their crops and do not want to participate. Councilor Collins stated he liked some of staff's ideas. He suggested using different Friday nights to focus on different areas of the community, such as agriculture or the Hispanic community. Peggy Selberg stated staff was suggesting targeting maybe one Friday night a month to highlight different areas of the community so all citizens could feel involved. She stated she felt that way the festival would be much more inclusive than the one day Harvest Festival. Mayor Wytoski stated she would want to make sure the entities that will be involved in the Friday nights would be okay with the city having some event during the Friday nights. Mayor Wytoski stated she knew that the people that participate in the Old Timers weekend would like to have the parade back during that weekend. Scott Pingel stated they could use the money already budgeted for the Harvest Festival to enhance some of the Friday nights. Mayor Wytoski stated she would be comfortable with the city doing something one Friday night each month, June through August; however, she would like to make sure that everyone else involved with the Friday nights did not mind. Councilor Bixler was not able to attend, but he did give written comments to Mayor Wytoski. Mayor Wytoski stated Councilor Bixler felt the primary purpose of the festival should be community building with a secondary purpose to provide opportunities for multiple generations in Dayton to enjoy each other's company through entertaining events and potlucks. She stated Council Bixler felt his priority events were the parade as a main event featuring the senior court and the Mayor and Council should continue to recruit and judge the floats and the Council should ride on a float. Mayor Wytoski stated Councilor Bixler wrote he would like to see the return of the hot rod contest and he also liked the corn feed or any other way to celebrate with food. Councilor Bixler also felt another date in August would be good and any way to incorporate Dayton's diverse population would be good. Scott Pingel suggested focusing on having the parade and senior court during Old Timer's weekend and something during the quick draw championship and not try to have something during June. Mayor Wytoski stated she would like to meet with some of the citizens that had been involved with Old Timer's weekend to see how they would feel about having the parade and senior court at that time. Scott Pingel stated he would speak with the business owners to make sure that they would not mind any input from the city. Scott Pingel stated they could continue this discussion at their next meeting in May.

E. **CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

F. **INFORMATION REPORTS**

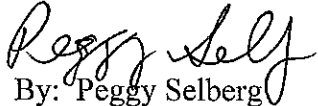
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City Manager's Report

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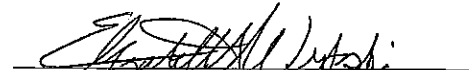
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


By: Peggy Selberg
City Recorder

APPROVED BY COUNCIL on June 2, 2014

As Written As Amended


Elizabeth Wytoski, Mayor