

The City Council met in special session in Council Chambers Mayor Stadsholt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. City Clerk, Jesse Hall, called the roll and the following Alderpersons answered to their names: Bob Cooper, Dan Griffin, Ed Ray, James Stroh, Portia Brown, Becky Chaney, Ross McDowell and Nick Urish.

A quorum was present. The minutes were recorded by City Clerk, Jesse Hall.

The pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was repeated by all City Officials and guests.

PUBLIC COMMENT #1

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

PLANNING

DISCUSSION: Jim Lamer from IRBS addressed the council about incorporating a regional educational facility. It would be focused on natural science to help build that curriculum for the schools here in town as well as the community college. The EDA grant April Burgett and I have been advising and assisting in the city's project. This would be requesting \$50,000 from the EDA technical assistant grant. This is an 80% - 20% match, basically we would be required to put up 20% of this match then the 80% would be paid and then reimbursed. We actually have the 20% match covered by outside donors. All we would be asking the city is to front the \$40,000 that the city would be reimbursed for, it would actually be a net zero investment from the city. Why we want to go forward with this technical assistant grant for a couple reasons one, it is going to aid the need for construction cost estimation for the new visitor center, regional educational center and field station facility. It is to further develop the programs needs and to incorporate the design input from all the partners. Develop a preliminary schematic design including architectural floor plans, site plans, elevations and perspectives came from construction cost estimating services. That essentially allows for us to get a concert design that we can start putting numbers together. We were under the understanding that the submission deadline was September 30, 2021. However on their website and confirming with Chris Setti there is no submission deadline for this grant but we would still like to be getting this in within the next two weeks. Mayor Stadsholt said that the city would own the land and the building IRBS would just be leasing it.

ACTION TAKEN: None

DISCUSSION: Alderperson Urish made a motion approve support for the technical assistant grant in the sum of \$40,000. Seconded by Alderperson Griffin.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Stroh, Brown, Chaney, McDowell, Urish, Cooper, Griffin and Ray

Voting No: None

PERSONNEL

DISCUSSION: Alderperson McDowell entertained a motion to go into closed session under Open Meetings Act 2 (C) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. Alderperson Ray made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Urish.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to come out of closed session. Alderperson McDowell made the motion, seconded by Alderperson Chaney.

ACTION TAKEN: Mayor Stadsholt asked if there were any questions. There being none, the motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Yes: Cooper, Griffin, Ray, Stroh, Brown Chaney, McDowell and Urish

Voting No: None

PUBLIC COMMENT #2

DISCUSSION: None

ACTION TAKEN: None

ADJOURNMENT

DISCUSSION: Mayor Stadsholt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Alderperson Urish, and seconded by Alderperson Stroh.

ACTION TAKEN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.



Brenda Stadsholt, Mayor



Jesse Hall / City Clerk

GUESTS: Alex Noble
Brenda Davenport-Fornoff
Gavin Maliska
Jim Lamer
April Burgett
Gary Davis