

- REGULAR MEETING The City Council of the City of Norway met in Regular Session, Monday April 17, 2017 at the Norway City Hall, in the Curtis J. Bracket Council Chambers with Mayor Hayes presiding.
- PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE Mayor Hayes led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- ROLL CALL Members present were: Brew, Bublioni, Hayes, Meneghini, and Popp.
- ALSO PRESENT Ray Anderson, City Manager; Grant Carlson, City Attorney; Trisha Plante, City Clerk; Mary Pollard, City Treasurer; Bruce Hawkinson of Mead & Hunt & DDA; Barb Thorne, DDA, Nikki Younk, The Daily News; and six (6) citizens present.
- APPROVE 17-072 AGENDA A motion was made by Council Member Bublioni, supported by Council Member Brew, and unanimously approved the regular meeting agenda for April 17, 2017 with the removal of Executive Session to discuss Labor Negotiations.
- APPROVE 17-073 MINUTES A motion was made by Council Member Brew, supported by Council Member Popp, and unanimously approved Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017, Closed Session Minutes of March 20, 2017, and April 3, 2017.
- APPROVE 17-074 MANIFEST A motion was made by Council Member Bublioni, supported by Council Member Meneghini and unanimously approved manifest 2017-08 in the amount of \$233,235.17.
- DISCUSSION DDA TIFA PLAN City Manager Ray Anderson reviewed with Council his role with the DDA and encouraged discussions concerning the plan document. Council reviewed amendments to the plan and had the following comments;
- Meneghini – Likes the idea of looking ahead regarding the Iron Bell trail and is hopeful there may be grants available through the state. Also discussed the parking lot location for the Norway Myr. Suggested, if a future business is interested in this property, the DDA could always sell the gravel parking lot.
- Bublioni – Excited for the Norway Spring expansion. Does not think purchasing property near the Norway Myr for a parking lot is needed. Property has not been advertised for sale and would like to keep this area open for future business. Also, the city does not need more parks than businesses in town. Would like to see trails maintained, but not with the sacrifice of businesses. Also, discussed who has the ultimate authority over the DDA on decisions and projects.
- Brew – Discussed the status of the MDEQ permit denial and questioned if \$20,000 for a bus turn around/12 spot parking area is worth it.
- Popp – Inquired how the DDA gets their money.
- Hayes – Would like to see a parking lot “somewhere” near the Norway Myr. Also, would like to see the Norway Spring and trail connection get top priority on the development list.

Bruce Hawkinson, DDA Member – Discussed with Council the DDA’s intention for tonight’s meeting. DDA Member Tim Mattson was scheduled to attend, to facilitate discussions concerning the Norway Myr parking lot. With the absents of Mr. Mattson, Mr. Hawkinson suggested postponing further discussions concerning the Norway Myr until the following meeting so Mr. Mattson can be in attendance.

Marsha Guldswog – 209 Brown Street, Norway

CITIZEN
COMMENT

Bruce Hawkinson of Mead & Hunt – Provided Council with an update on the WWTP/Water Project.

AUDIENCE
COMMENT

Bill Asselin – 507 2nd Avenue, Norway

COUNCIL
COMMENT

Popp – Would like to see the gate between Oak Crest Golf Course and Marion Park baseball fields locked for safety. Also, the sidewalk on the 200 block of Brown Street still needs repair, and unhappy with the new bridge construction at the Norway Myr, its leaning. Thanked the Kleikamp family and all volunteers for a great Easter Egg Hunt.

Brew – Thanked the Kleikamp family and all volunteers on a successful Easter Egg Hunt. Also, questioned why the CATV monthly report doesn’t inform us what he is doing?

Buboni – Thanked the Kleikamp family and volunteers on a successful Easter Egg Hunt. Also, parks need wood chips and swings are worn, otherwise parks look good. Would like to see the county work van in town to help with trash, and inquired on Miller Tree Service being in town. Also, questioned why Bacco is purchasing gravel from Powers for the Water/Sewer Project and not the city. Inquired on stump grinding outside of the project area, Mr. Allen’s parked car complaint on the 200 block of Saginaw Street, and requested work order for Strawberry Lake.

Meneghini – Thanked the Kleikamp family and all volunteers for another successful Easter Egg Hunt event. Also, noticed large stumps at compost site, reminded residents of tax day, inquired on the tree planting program, and if any budget hearing dates have been scheduled yet.

Hayes – Would like to schedule budget hearing dates soon and thanked the Kleikamp’s and volunteers on a successful Easter Egg Hunt. Would like to see the city annex the gravel pit property, and reminded residents of the deadline for Council petitions April 25th .

STAFF
COMMENT

City Attorney – Commented on a few of the many resources in our community and reminded residents of upcoming events the Norway Spring Classic April 22nd, Lambert Golf Outing and, City Wide Garage Sales May 20th.

City Manager – Addressed council comments and thanked the Kleikamp family and many volunteers for another successful Easter Egg Hunt.

ADJOURN 17-075 A motion was made by Council Member Brew, supported by Council Member Bublioni and unanimously approved to adjourn regular meeting.

Paul Hayes, MD - Mayor

Trisha Plante, City Clerk