

**Minutes
Avon City Council
July 15, 2016**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Hugh Knox – Mayor; Julie Jarnot, Jeff Manthe (until 8:30 am), Jeff Meyer, Jesse Springer – Councilors;
Clerk/Administrator Jodi Austing-Traut

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Discuss Purchase Agreement for the sale of property located at 221 2nd Street NW Avon and building new Maintenance Shop

Councilor Springer gave some history on what brought the council to today regarding this issue. Several months ago, Lange Trenching presented the city with a purchase agreement for the property at 221 2nd St NW (the existing city maintenance shop site). The council felt it appropriate to put the property up for sale and advertised it for sale for 30 days. Lange Trenching was the only offer the city received. In the meantime Public Works Supervisor Casey Jansky began to research design and cost estimates for a new maintenance shop. Cost estimates on a new shop originally came in around \$190,000 and the site being considered for the new shop would be next to city hall. As time went on, the project size began to grow along with cost estimates. Site prep and soil correction figures came in much higher than anticipated. Project costs are now estimated at well over \$300,000. Council also wanted to make sure that if they were going to authorize the project it would be done correctly, sized correctly for future growth, etc... The timeline has also become a concern as Lange Trenching and their partners need to take possession of the property at 221 2nd St NW by August 1st.

Councilor Meyer expressed concern about standing water at the proposed site of the new building as well as his concern that the city hall campus, specifically the ball field area near city hall, has also been slated as the preferred site for a future fire hall and emergency services center. Councilor Meyer and Springer expressed grave concern for adequate storm water drainage in this area.

Councilor Springer expressed concern about the timeline. Jeff Lange stated that if the city does not move on this, we will lose the marina that was planning to come to town and take up residence on the existing maintenance shop site. Lange indicated that the marina will be locating in Albany instead.

Discussion ensued about potentially keeping the police garage on main street until the property appreciates and the city receives a reasonable offer on it and making a few improvements to the existing maintenance garage to improve space utilization with what the city currently has versus putting more cash into facilities.

Mayor Knox asked for action. Councilor Springer stated that he is not necessarily against the project, but he does not feel that building a new facility could possibly happen on the timeline being presented. Jarnot agreed. Meyer indicated that that his primary concern is financial.

Further discussion about options with the main goal of getting the marina into town at the least expense to the city.

Motion Jesse Springer to put the purchase agreement with Lange Trenching for 221 2nd St NW on hold as well as the purchase agreement at 112 Avon Ave and authorize Public Works Supervisor Casey Jansky to develop plans to improve the maintenance shop and authorize staff to continue to work in good faith with The Marina of Avon to work out a plan to bring them to Avon second Julie Jarnot and carried unanimously. Manthe absent.

Motion Jeff Meyer to set a special council meeting for Tuesday July 26 at 8:00 am to review progress and cost estimates for the proposed improvements second Jesse Springer.

Other Business

A/C Improvements at WWTP

Jon Forsell presented cost estimates for the air conditioning unit at the wastewater plant. \$4420 + electrical to put in a similar unit as the existing one. Since the original unit was oversized, a mini-split is being considered as a much more efficient option. A mini-split can also act as a backup heat source. \$4376 to put in a mini-split.

Motion Jeff Meyer to authorize installation of a mini-split of \$4376 by Grutsch Plumbing and Heating and to put engineering services out for bid, second Jesse Springer carried with Knox against. Manthe absent.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Julie Jarnot to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 ; Second by Councilor Jeff Meyer .

Respectfully Submitted Jodi Austing-Traut City Clerk/Administrator