

Minutes for March 9, 2020 Work Session, gavelled into session at 8:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Williams stated that it never hurts to pledge the flag and council agreed.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Harris informed council of two items on the Agenda are the resignation of Officer Fontaine who has taken a full-time position with his home town White Oak and the second would be to hire a new full time officer from the list.

Councilman Polonoli asked Chief Harris how he is staffed for part-time Officers and Chief Harris stated that he is looking to hire two to three part-time officers to help through the summer with vacation time.

Mayor Garry stated a resident of 784 Nevin Street sent pictures of her street which needs to be repaired.

Councilman Kulak stated they will need to check with Mark Gadd to see which streets are on this year's list and if it can't be put on this year's list it have to wait until next year.

From Mackin Engineer stated that the bids open Wednesday for this year's contract. The streets are Decker from Mounds to Fifth Avenue, Ellwood from Davis to Dakota, and Stockdale Avenue.

Mayor Garry stated there is a resident wanting the City to enact a dog ordinance. Do we need one?

Councilwoman Williams stated we do not have a dog ordinance and she would not be in favor of enacting one.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated we would be involving state law. First any new ordinance would be prospective only not retroactive. Secondly, it could not conflict with any state laws and there is case law that even a City Ordinance cannot be more restrictive or more protective than what the state law provides. It has to be in concert with state law. He is not sure that the City could craft something that would be more beneficial than the state law. The City is not going to get a search warrant to enter someone's home for a summary offense.

Councilman Polonoli stated and Mayor Garry agreed that the City should leave the state dog law handle it.

Councilman Kulak review comments of the Employee Handbook he went through and made his comments.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that he sent out a new draft after he received comments from Councilwoman Williams and the Mayor. It is a very comprehensive document.

Mayor stated that Covid-19 probably won't affect many of those in the room but it could and his concern is the business of the City getting tax returns and such in and suggest that the City get a box with an opening on the top to drop off payments and if possible video commuting for the workers. Don't want the employees to get sick.

Councilman Kulak stated the City should be prepared and would want to hear what other communities are doing.

Councilman Williams stated that we posted the county recommendations on the City website.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated he has not heard what other communities are doing. It seems that because the mortality rate is more severe than the flu and the transmissible aspects are not known that is where the concern is coming from. The Mayor's point on how we should prepare. If two of the office personnel do fall ill it is going to put a crimp in city operations and we should start thinking about if they employees could work remotely from home.

Mayor Garry stated he received a call and wants to know if the City would like to sponsor a Friday night car cruise.

Councilwoman Williams states it's a good idea for the community but it depends on what it entails including picking up the insurance for the event.

