

Minutes for September 8, 2020 Work Session, gavelled into session at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Garry who led in the pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Garry would like to extend Westminster Street for due to the address of Ken Cole's rental property their address is Marne Avenue.

Councilman Polonoli stated that the property is listed as Marne Avenue and they are having trouble getting deliveries and ambulance, police, and fire are unable to find the property.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that if it renaming it would be a resolution and to dedicate it as street would need to be an ordinance.

Discussion on the advertisement for RFQ for engineering services. There was an error of publication and the ad did not run until August 30th and the deadline for submission was September 4th and there have been several calls regarding extending the deadline to submit. Solicitor Pappasergi stated that he recommends that the deadline should be extended until September 18th for additional submissions and so that anyone who has already submitted can submit revisions or additions.

Councilwoman Williams stated there is progress at the 126-128 East Main Street and they have their own engineer working on it. Mackin did a site check at the top of Second Street and a check of the collapse by Foodland and will be submitting a report.

There was discussion regarding CDBG monies for next year as there are possible projects for those funds. Rob Phillips from the Redevelopment Authority was unable to attend today's meeting.

Councilwoman Williams stated that council needs to pass a resolution regarding the Volunteer Firemen's Tax Credit qualifications so they can get their tax credit. There are once again complaints regarding the food trucks in town taking away business from local businesses.

There was discussion regarding the zoning change of Route 136. The Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission have never had their meetings on the proposal to the change and that would have to happen. There was a recommended revision from the Planning Commission to Council to only rezone the 136 area and not to include the old MEC property. It now has to go back to the Planning Commission to have another hearing just for the 136 area.

Councilman Polonoli stated he had a request from 560 Bertram Street that there is a right of way that the City owns that they want to purchase the right of way to install a driveway. However, on the maps there are properties behind the right of way that would cut off the properties behind 560 Bertram Street and council shouldn't proceed.

Street Foreman stated that it is a paper street and Solicitor Pappasergi stated if it is a paper street it would have to be abandoned not sold.

There was discussion regarding the LSA application for the City Garage and that Councilman Kulak would be taking the lead.

Councilman Polonoli stated that the Library has called regarding their \$18,000.00 and he would like to reduce it to \$10,000.00 as there are things we have had to cut in our budget and since the Library hasn't been open all year that the funds should be cut.

There was discussion of hiring another full time officer. It was discussed that it would not be until the end of the year for next year.

Councilman Polonoli stated that since Connie Russell passed away there is a vacancy on the Sewage Authority Board and he would like to see Christine Somaes appointed to the board. He also stated that he believes that all but one board member's term has expired and not been reappointed.

There was discussion that the City should ask for letters of interest from anyone who would be interested in serving on the board.

Solicitor Pappasergi stated that the City needs to access Mr. Patterson's property so that we can get to the sewer main on Fifth Street for repair and we will need an access agreement with Mr. Patterson. This was an emergency situation so Daryl executed the agreement but he does want council to ratify it at council meeting.

