

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Scott Decker called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present were: President Scott Decker, Commissioners Nicole Wolla, and Sarah Trustem.

Absent: Vice President Jason Fridrich and Commissioner Carson Steiner

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS**A. Town Square Design Update**

JLG Architects Zach Mathern updates the Commissioners on the town square site behind the American Insurance Building. He presents a preliminary design. The Downtown Association needed this preliminary design in order to start fund raising. Mr. Mathern states this design fits very well within the size of the previous plan. Discussion was had in regards to the sculpture in the front of the entrance. Commissioners had decided that instead of having one sculpture all the time they were thinking it could possibly be several art displays from local artists.

Commissioner Sarah Trustem feels it would be beneficial for the City to contact the original Task Force members to see how this new site has evolved and some feedback as they are the voices of the community as well.

City Administrator Joe Gaa states it would be possible to have an open house.

President Scott Decker would like to have an open house and to invite the Downtown organization.

Police Chief Dustin Dassinger feels shutting down streets for events at the new site will be a challenge as there are still employees working in this area when the streets are closed.

City Administrator Joe Gaa states a public meeting will be scheduled.

B. Building and Fire Code Updates Discussion

Fire Marshal Mark Selle and Building Official Leonard Schwindt update the Commission on the new code changes in particular to daycares. Fire Marshal Mark Selle states that they have been carrying out standards and would like to put them into policies. He states the code has been amended to allow childcare facilities into residential areas.

Building Official Leonard Schwindt would like to update these older codes to be in compliance with the codes being used today.

Commissioner Sarah Trustem feels there is some disconnect of what codes are and how people interpret them.

President Scott Decker states the City is looking for retail to come here and there is always feedback on why the City has different setbacks and variations on easements and other codes from other cities and states.

Fire Marshal Mark Selle states there are standards that the City is following and in order to get them enforced the City needs to be spelling them up in an updated code.

The building and fire code updates discussion will be brought forward at a later date when Commissioner Jason Fridrich is at a Commission meeting.

C. Public Safety Training Center

Police Chief Dustin Dassinger states there are grant dollars available for the Public Safety Center training center. These funds are available now to be applied for and the match would be 20-30%. Chief Dassinger would like to have a partnership for the dollars with the Dickinson Fire Department, Dunn County Sheriff’s Office, Stark County Sheriff’s Office and the Dickinson Police Department.

President Scott Decker states he has been approached by the BIA as they may be interested in coming to Dickinson to train. He states along with the National Guard as there are MP’s here and would need to use the range in the future. He feels there are many avenues to include several other areas in this training center. President Decker discusses the use of the land on the Southside of town.

Police Chief Dustin Dassinger would like to write the grant and present it to the Commission. He states the Police Department does need a range as the one being used presently does not accommodate the needs of the Police Department at this time.

Police Chief Dustin Dassinger was given the go ahead to write the grant.

D. Speed Study on 15th Street

City Engineer Craig Kubas discusses the speed limit on 15th Street, North of State Avenue and going towards the Mall. He states the Dickinson Police Department has gathered information on the East and West bound traffic. He states the study showed 85% of the speed was 33 mph or lower. City Engineer Craig Kubas would recommend to leave the posted speed limit at 35 mph as it is in the ballpark right now.

Commissioner Sarah Trustem asks City Engineer Craig Kubas to email Commissioner Jason Fridrich of the findings as he was the one questioning the speed limit in this area.

E. Fire Chief Search Plans

City Administrator Joe Gaa states the current Fire Chief Bob Sivak will be retiring on 4/3/2020. He states a notice for the position has been posted on the City’s website along with national websites. The deadline to apply is March 20, 2020. He informs the Commission there will be a search along with open houses prior to hiring.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Jason Fridrich

SECONDED BY: Sarah Trustem

Adjournment of the meeting at approximately 3:50 PM.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote... Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 2
Motion declared duly passed.

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Rita Binstock, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Joe Gaa, City Administrator

Scott Decker, President
Board of City Commissioners

Date: March 3, 2020

