Special St. Ansgar City Council Meeting

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Mayor Pro-Tem Ben Walk convened a Special Council Meeting of the St. Ansgar City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 30 in the council chambers of the St. Ansgar City Hall. Council persons Myrna Jorgensen, Mike Juhl, Chris Maiers & Sam Heimer answered roll call. Attorney Maria Brownell with Ahlers & Cooney, Bonnie Eustice, Haley Eustice, Norman Johnson, Attorney Mike Byrnes, Kathy Johnson, Daryl & Lisa Johnson, Jim & Nancy Bell, Kevin & Lynn Kirchgutter, and Gene & Lynn Mouw were also present.

Maiers presented a motion, seconded by Juhl to approve the agenda, and on roll call vote aye five.

Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Maiers to open the public hearing to hear the appeal of removal of Bonnie Eustice from the Board of Adjustment at 5:31 and on roll call vote ayes five.

Walk presented the hearing procedures along with the timeline of events. Eustice presented her statement and handed in a resignation letter. There continued to be discussion with Attorney Byrnes, Council, and others present.

 Maiers presented a motion, seconded by Jorgensen to close the public hearing at 6:25 p.m, and on roll call vote ayes five.

 Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Maiers to table the decision of removal until the regular council meeting on July 11th, and on roll call vote ayes five.

 Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Heimer to open the public hearing to hear the appeal of removal of Norman Johnson from the Planning and Zoning Commission at 6:31, and on roll call vote ayes five.

 Walk presented the hearing procedures. Attorney Byrnes spoke on behalf of Johnson. There was a long discussion between Attorney Byrnes, Johnson, Council and others present.

 Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Juhl to close the public hearing at 7:45 and on roll call vote ayes five. Walk asked for discussion from the Council. Discussion turned into more discussion with the audience. Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Maiers to reopen the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. and have all comments entered into the public hearing and on roll call vote ayes five.

 Maiers presented a motion, seconded by Heimer to close the public hearing at 8:04 p.m. and on roll call vote ayes five.

 Juhl presented a motion, seconded by Juhl to reverse the removal of Johnson from the Planning and Zoning Commission, and on roll call motion ayes-Jorgensen, Heimer, Walk, nays-Maiers & Juhl.

 Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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 Ben Walk, Mayor Pro-Tem

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 Tami Woods, City Clerk