

**CITY OF ORIENT, IOWA
PUBLIC HEARING
ABC PARK SPLASH PAD
JULY 8, 2019**

Mayor Loretta Umbenhower called the Public Hearing of the construction of ABC Park Splash Pad to order at 6:00 PM. The following council members answered roll call: Gary Metzger, Matt Swanson and Shawn Subbert. Absent: Justin Boswell and Clarissa Pashek. Others present were Jeff Godwin Civil Engineer from Synder & Associates, Inc., city attorney, David Grapentine and city clerk, Della Kramer. Motion made by Swanson 2nd by Metzger to table the construction of the ABC Park Splash Pad , due to only one bid that came in over budget. All voting aye, motion carried. Mayor Umbenhower closed the public hearing at 6:08 PM.

REGULAR MEETING OF ORIENT CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Loretta Umbenhower called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 PM, the following council members answered roll call: Gary Metzger, Matt Swanson and Shawn Subbert. Absent: Justin Boswell and Clarissa Pashek. Others present were city clerk, Della Kramer, city attorney, David Grapentine, Jeff Campbell and Greg Sissler.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Jeff Campbell brought the following items to the Council.

- Bushes are growing around the stop sign at Clark and School Street making it hard to see oncoming traffic.
- Lot on Clark Street that Betterment Committee owns that needs debris taken away from tearing down house
- Lot on Broad Street next to US Post Office that needs weeds killed and debris from fire to be cleaned up.
- People that are using the burn pile are bringing a lot of iron. The burn pile is only for yard waste and to be used only by the residents of Orient and the City of Orient. Jeff asked the City to contact the owner and see what could be done to have it monitored more closely.

BULDING PERMIT:

Motion made by Metzger 2nd by Subbert to approve building permit for Greg Sissler to put up a fence and garage on his property at 108 W Tuttle Drive, providing that he follows all the legal procedures. All voting aye, motion carried.

STREET CLOSURE:

Motion made by Swanson 2nd by Metzger to approve street closure at 101 W 1st Street to 107 W 1st Street, Friday July 26 from 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM for the open house of Frederick Real Estate Service. All voting aye, motion carried.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS:

The Mayor tabled speed limit signs that a resident suggested.

SPECIAL SPEAKER:

Nathan Overberg from Ahlers Cooney Law Firm gave a power point presentation on Urban Renewal.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Metzger 2nd by Subbert to approve the Consent Agenda which consist of approval of payment of bills as presented in the claims report, minutes of the regular meeting on June 10, 2019, cigarette licenses for Orient Express, and liquor license for Kramer’s Cafe. All voting aye, motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT:

The city attorney discussed nuisances in Orient and how the City needs to respond to them. The city attorney and council discussed rewriting the ordinance for vicious animals to make it more defined.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Motion made by Metzger 2nd by Subbert to send a letter to resident requesting more money for excessive items and unsanitary conditions for pick up on Clean Up Days. All voting aye, motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Motion made by Metzger 2nd by Subbert to approve a 2.5% increase in wages for full time and part time maintenance and clerk employees effective July 1, 2019. Full time maintenance from \$21.22 to \$21.75, part time maintenance from \$14.18 to \$14.53, city clerk from \$17.31 to \$177.74. All voting aye, motion carried.

TECHNOLOGY:

Online payments in May were \$2,621.00 and June \$2,861.00.

Motion made by Metzger 2nd by Subbert to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST:

Loretta Umbenhower, Mayor

Della Kramer, City Clerk