

A Workshop Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, June 20, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 6:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Chuck Moore, and Lauri Krueger. Absent: Brent Milhiem and Jason Smith. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell; and Fire Chief, Brandon Weber.

On a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Moore, Commissioners Milhiem and Smith were excused.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. POLICY REGARDING DOWNTOWN PROVIDED GARBAGE ENCLOSURES

City Manager Mitchell gave an overview of the history and the current status of the downtown garbage enclosures. He explained that at the regular meeting a consideration of a garbage enclosure policy will be presented. He answered questions of the Commission.

B. PAVILION RENTAL POLICY

City Manager Mitchell stated that the pavilion is finished and now inquiries are being made regarding rental/reserving the space. He stated that DDA Member Sarah Knash is gathering information for the DDA Board, in regards to pricing and regulations, etc. Various scenarios were discussed in regards to types of rentals, pricing, contracts, alcohol, fees/deposit, and safety. City Manager Mitchell answered questions of the audience and Commission.

At this time, a lengthy discussion took place regarding the Armintrout Property. City Manager Mitchell informed that Commission that there has been an inquiry to purchase the Armintrout Property. He reminded the Commission that there is currently a contract to remove sand from the property, but this would not affect the contract. He gave an overview of the history of the property and that it was never put on the market because the marketable price was too low. He explained the process, if the Commission is interested in looking at the offer. He commented that there will be more information in the near future, but want to make the Commission aware of the inquiry. City Manager Mitchell answered questions of the audience and Commission.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

John Pickron, 1104 Barton – he asked what were the original expectations that were made to the public regarding the pavilion. City Manager Mitchell stated that reservations were not discussed. Mayor Withee explained the vision of the riverfront development. She stated that the Riverfront Pavilion would be similar to the other park's pavilions, but on a larger scale. City Manager Mitchell commented that special events were not discussed in the beginning, but with the size of the Riverfront Pavilion, it has the potential to generate revenues. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the Riverfront Pavilion and its use.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED – 6:53 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk