

February 20, 2023

Roll Call

Members present: Mayor Hart in the Chair, Boesen, Nichols, Chiles, Grieder, Wilder and Feuss.

Agenda, as proposed or amended

Boesen/Grieder

that "Agenda, as proposed or amended", be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Four. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Nichols/Wilder

that "Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2023, Council Work Session", be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Seven. Motion carried.

4:10 p.m. - Discussion of amendments to the noise variance ordinance.

Kelley Felchle, City Clerk, addressed the council regarding proposed amendments to address the process for requests for variances to the noise ordinance. Ms. Felchle explained as we have switched to two meetings a month applications are not being submitted in time which is why the Clerk's office is requesting the amendment to the ordinance. The proposed changes will streamline the application process through Mayor's office for review by Police Department, with approval by the Mayor.

Mr. Grieder requested that, once approved, the applications still be forwarded to the Council members so they are aware of variances if someone makes a complaint.

Mr. Boesen stated he doesn't have a problem with the current process and questioned how the changes would allow the general public to know of the request if it no longer appears on the council agenda.

The Police Chief stated he had no objections to the changes.

Approx. 4:25 p.m. - Discussion of amendments to the automated traffic enforcement ordinance.

Martin Peterson, City Attorney, addressed the council regarding changes to the automated traffic enforcement ordinance with regards to municipal infraction fines to clarify the ability to file one infraction for multiple citations and stated this will mirror the Cedar Rapids ordinance.

Mr. Boesen questioned if multiple tickets exceeded the \$750.00 municipal infraction limit.

Mr. Peterson explained the change allows us to file one municipal infraction case to include cost up to what small claims court allows, \$5,500.00.

Mr. Boesen questioned what the process was in the past for filing multiple tickets and questioned how we collect on one ticket.

Mr. Peterson explained we currently file small claims petitions for the aggregated amounts and that single unpaid tickets are collected through an agreement with GATSO, and that these proposed changes would take the worst offenders to combine their tickets into one judgment to collect them ourselves.

Mr. Boesen questioned how long the GATSO agreement has been in place and stated we need to move forward with collecting on unpaid tickets.

Mr. Peterson stated he believes the contract was signed in 2020 with GATSO.

Feuss/Chiles

to adjourn at 4:22 p.m. until Grout Museum representatives join the meeting. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion Carried.

Approx. 4:40 p.m. - Update from Grout Museum District.

Grieder/Chiles

Motion to resume session at 4:31 p.m. Voice vote-Ayes: Seven. Motion Carried.

Billy Bailey and David Albaugh representing the Grout Museum presented an overview to the council of the establishment of the Grout Museum additions, activities, construction, operating procedures and budget information regarding use of levy funds, income and expenditures. Mr. Albaugh explained that admissions, memberships and programs income still have not recovered from the Covid shutdown, but that revenues are increasing.

Mr. Boesen questioned fundraising efforts and asked how people can donate.

Mr. Albaugh explained various donation efforts and asked they donate to "opening doors" or by visiting the website for phone number and addresses.

Mr. Grieder questioned the easiest way to get a membership and if that membership can be used at other museums throughout the US.

Mr. Albaugh explained memberships can be purchased by visiting the website and that the Grout has a partnership throughout the country to use memberships at other Museums.

Mr. Boesen questioned if that included the Dan Gable Museum.

Ms. Bailey explained that the McElroy Trust has funded events that allow people to visit the downtown museums for \$1.00 which includes the Young Arena, Sportsplex, John Deere and Dan Gable museums.

Mayor Hart provided the museum website address at www.groutmuseum.org and thanked them for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

Ray Feuss/John Chiles

that "the meeting adjourn at 4:55 p.m.", be approved. Voice vote-Ayes: Six. Motion Carried.