

SARTELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting was held on January 12, 2015 at Sartell City Hall. The meeting commenced at 5:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Nicoll, Council members Braig Lindstrom and Lynch. Council member Peterson (due to military service) and Council member Hennes attended remotely via interactive television.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator
Anita Rasmussen, Comm Dev Director/Asst. City Admin
Becky Wicklund, Account Clerk

AGENDA

A motion was made by Lynch and seconded by Peterson to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2015 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

The Council discussed appointments to various commissions, committees and boards for 2015. A motion was made by Hennes and seconded by Lynch to adopt Resolution 01-2015 Making Certain Appointments for 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL PROCESSES

The Council discussed potential changes to their meeting guidelines and rules of order. Council consensus was for staff to formalize these changes for consent agenda approval:

- Change meeting guidelines to specify “up to 3 minutes” for open forum speakers so we can be fair and consistent in how open forum presentations are handled.
- Change meeting guidelines to specify that items removed from consent agenda will be added as business items right after consent agenda to avoid confusion about where to place those items on the agenda.
- Change rules of order to specify that discussion prior to a motion is allowable.

Mayor Nicoll expressed that she looks forward to working with the new Council as a team and building trust to accomplish good work for the City.

GOALS

Staff reviewed the existing goals list with Council to confirm which goals should carry over to 2015. Consensus was to carry over these goals:

- **Community Center:** Staff will bring back more ideas on how the Council could get more than one architectural vision and will bring back a list of construction managers with experience that might fit our needs so the Council can decide upon which ones to

request proposals from and scheduled for interview. Council was also in favor of an operations consultant contract so staff will deliver that for future consideration as well.

- **Purchase land for Town Square and start working with developers on town square**
- **Sauk River Park and Pinecone Regional Park**
- **Dog Park**
- **Re-evaluate the role of the Park Commission and its relationship to the City Council and staff:** Based on Council's discussion of what function the Park Commission could best serve, staff will get Park Commission input on reformatting to focus on existing parks and operate more like a committee that meets as needed and reports directly to the Council with their recommendations. They will not be asked to preview plats or specific park project proposals – those will come to Council without first going through Park Commission. Park Commission focus will be on existing parks to give their recommendations by direct report to the Council as and when needed. The Council can then decide whether/when to incorporate those recommendations into the City's plans and budgets.

Staff also circulated a draft of 2015 legislative priorities and asked for Council feedback at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion made by Braig Lindstrom and seconded by Hennes, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Minutes By:

Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator

Sarah Jane Nicoll, Mayor