

**Council Work Session Meeting
January 24, 2023**

Members in attendance were Mayor Trish Callahan, Council Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson, Councilor Paul Price. Councilor Stacy Equitz and Councilor Peggy Davis Gilliam. Planning Commission members were Chair Roger Hayden, Marc Ellis and Keith Gilliam. Staff present was City Recorder Lori Paxton. Audience members was Matt Milhoun.

Council Davis Gilliam made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. Councilor Price seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Request Letter from Nancy Stockton: Chair Hayden gave a brief history of the request from Ms. Stockton wanting to build on her two lots and sell the third lot. The council would have to change the ordinance to let Ms. Stockton do this. He said Redwood Ave would have to be completed, but doesn't necessarily have to be paved.

Marc Ellis said according to the resolution no other development can be done until infrastructure is installed and the resolution does not say who puts it in. Ms. Stockton say's she wants to access her lots by the alley, not off of South Street or Redwood Ave. Marc said one option is to install a col-de-sac at the end of South Street and Redwood Ave. Installing a sewer line in the alley would be okay, as long as it is a main line, he said.

Council Thompson said Ms. Stockton knew of the original plans for the property before she bought it. What she is asking is not what we told her has to happen. He said the original owner was not supposed to sell any of the those lots until they were developed. The springs has to be taken care of before any development can happen, there is a riparian area there that needs to be channeled away from the lots.

Marc said John Boyer was supposed to develop his lots, but he did not want to install the infrastructure. The lots have been undeveloped for years.

Mayor Callahan asked how do we move forward with this? Do we check on state law about selling a lot without infrastructure completed? Brief discussion ensued.

Marc said we should compare the cost of a a col-de-sac to just gravel or chip seal. And see if Boyer would help Ms. Stockton develop the road. The town is not responsible for the development, the property owner is.

Mayor Callahan Ms. Stockton needs to check into all permitting, riparian areas and the road construction to see if it is even feasible for her to do. She suggested the planning commission draft a letter for council approval to Ms. Stockton, making her aware of these issues.

Councilor Thompson said about 5 or 6 years ago he, Mayor Linda Spencer and Ms. Stockton had a meeting about those lots, so she knew back then what was supposed to be done. Marc said Chris Galpin was not supposed to sell those lots on Redwood as undeveloped, but he didn't agree with the

resolution at the time. And then there was no follow through on the rest of the lots.

He said if she wants to sell the lot that sits directly behind Diana Pingle's property, she will have to put in part of the road in on Redwood, not use the alley as access. Marc suggested checking with our attorney on the rules of installing roads and selling lots without infrastructure.

Council gave consensus to have planning commission draft a letter, following the resolution, instructing Ms. Stockton on what we need and what she needs to do.

Police Officer: Matt Milhoun addressed the council about wanting to become a police officer here in town. He said he is willing to go to the academy for training and the fact that he lives in town and has no plans to move out is a big plus.

Mayor Callahan asked if we wanted to go that route and send someone to the academy? Councilor Equitz said yes, but we need to be more organized this time. We are not ready for an officer yet, but we will be.

Vice President Oden asked Mr. Milhoun what kind of wage he expected while in the academy? He replied at least \$17 - \$18 per hour would alright. He said he doesn't not want to move, he wants to serve this community and protect the kids, so he can give more than a one year guarantee of service.

Mayor Callahan said if we decide to go this route, lets bring him back for an interview and check on the availability of classes at the academy. She asked Councilor Equitz if she would create a list of things needed to be more organized for a police officer and if she would continue to be the police liaison for the council. Councilor Equitz said yes to both. Mayor Callahan said we will need to create guidelines for Councilor Equitz as the liaison and set some structure for an officer.

Mayor Callahan asked the council to consider holding one work session per month, prior to the regular council meeting.

Councilor Equitz made a motion to adjourn the work session at 9:03 pm. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.