

MINUTES
Monday, December 18th, 2017 5pm
COMMUNITY CENTER/SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE
City of Brodhead Conference Room

- 1) Alderperson Huntington called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
 - Committee Members: Mayor Pinnow, Sharon Wolter, Nancy Sutherland, Dick Benesh, Jodi Kail, Dean Braund, Karna Reicks, Ellyn Popanz, Gwen Peterson, Alderperson Huntington, and Gwen Peterson and Cora Ball from the Senior Center, Joe DeYoung from MSA and t Ericka Gohke from Independent Register.
- 2) Motion by Wolter, seconded by Popanz to approve Minutes from October 30th, November 2nd and November 14th, 2017. All ayes.
- 3) Joe DeYoung City Engineer from MSA informed the committee how their company applies and submits grants for customers. Discussion on how to apply for a \$500,000 matching grant for the Senior Center and what it involves and timelines. Mr. Young stated he is here to help and is as a resource for our committee. He stated that regarding a Senior Center we can automatically apply for a \$500,000 matching grant. Last year he stated that 16 out of 17 of their applications received funds. We can apply for next year by May of 2018 and get results in August of 2018. We can offset our costs with other grants such as energy, etc. He further stated fund raising will help. He stated their fees to either retrofit existing building or build new would be \$4000-\$8000. He suggested get the funds lined up first so we should focus on trying to find funding and have that in place by fall of 2018 so choice can be made. He suggested not to bring up a referendum until we get the funds lined up or we won't know any more than we know today. He further stated that once we have a complete package together then we can address a referendum at the appropriate time and that is not now.
- 4) Mayor Pinnow informed the committee he went before the city Finance Committee to request up to \$10,000 in the budget for expenses to pursue the grant. He stated that the committee would not act on his request.
- 5) Motion by Wolter, seconded by Sutherland to recommend to the Council to proceed with the application for a \$500,000 matching CDBG Grant for a Senior Center Community and to authorize MSA the City Engineer to apply for the grant. All Ayes.
- 6) Motion by Reicks, seconded by Popanz to table the referendum in the spring and focus on funding in 2018 and reconsider referendum in the fall. All Ayes.
- 7) Discussion on possibly having an April public information meeting again.
- 8) Next meeting will be Thursday, January 25th, 2018 at 5pm at City Hall Conference Room.

Motion by Wolter, seconded by Sutherland to adjourn at 6:25pm.