

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATION OF PECK STREET HELD IN THE MCCOOK CENTRAL SCHOOL DDN ROOM IN SALEM SOUTH DAKOTA ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Glenda Blindert called the Public Hearing to order with Council Members Doug Mokros, Ron Mayrose, Mitchell Rayman, Marc Harris, Janet Karel and Dnyee Schierholz present. Public Works Supervisor Dustin Weber; Jacob Morris and Trent Bruce of DGR Engineering; Ray McCorkell, Shelley McCorkell, and Travis Peterson were also present. Motions made were unanimous of Council members present unless roll call identifies otherwise.

Mayor Blindert stated the Public Hearing is to hear public comments on the Proposed Resolution to Vacate Peck Street between Richard Avenue and Jefferson Avenue for the City Hall/Community Center facility. The floor was open for public comments.

Public Comments:

- McCorkell is not in favor of road closure.
- Questioned reason for closure.
- Do not believe closing the road will increase parking spaces.
- The building location should be in the same place as the armory.
- Should have been brought to a public vote.
- Will access from Richard and Jefferson still exist?

Council Staff Comments:

Mayor Blindert explained the placement of the building encroaches the street ROW and layout will provide better parking for the facilities in the area.

Morris, DGR, explained the closure will provide a gain of both the 66' of road ROW and 25' of setback to the parking area. The parking area will be structured once the area is paved.

North and South access will remain. Access will be to the parking lot instead of a street. Feel this provides a safer environment and better parking for all the facilities in the area.

Heumiller stated the Council does not have the authority to call elections unless they are specifically spelled out by SDCL.

Public meetings and hearings are and were held which provide opportunities for public comments.

Maps of the parking area and building positioning were viewed and discussed. The actual number of parking spots gained was not available.

Being no further comments, Mayor Blindert adjourned the public hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Dated this 5th day of March 2024 at Salem, South Dakota.

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Glenda Blindert
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Heumiller
Finance Officer

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