

City Of Effie
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
100 SW STATE HWY 38 – COMMUNITY BUILDING
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May 8, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Mark Krickhahn, Councilors; Bob Cassibo, Tim Grady, JoAnn Krickhahn, Lil Longtine

Members Absent: Jennifer Knott

Also Present: Tom Lamont, Becky Passeri, Carolyn Schmit

Call to Order

Mayor Krickhahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Updates/Reports

JoAnn Krickhahn informed the council that she was the representative for the City of Effie on the Hospital board. And with that, she informed the Council that at the last board meeting the Hospital board rescinded it's approval of the swimming pool project. She also informed them that she had minutes from the MN Hwy 38 Leadership and North Itasca Joint Powers Board meetings. All meeting minutes will be placed on the public bulletin board for display.

Public Forum

As there was no one wishing to speak, Mayor Krickhahn closed the public forum.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the agenda with the addition of Fund Raiser under new business. MCU

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Bob Cassibo to approve the April 10, 2017 minutes as written. MCU

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk/Treasurer Resignation

Mayor Krickhahn informed the council that Clerk/Treasurer Jennifer Knott submitted her resignation via email on Monday, April 24, 2017 effective as of Sunday, April 23, 2017. A copy of the submitted email resignation was presented for review. Council accepted the submitted resignation.

Clerk Applicant

Mayor Krickhahn informed the council that an interested party had submitted an application for the open position. The application was presented for council review. The applicant, Carolyn Schmit was present and asked to come to the podium to answer any questions that the council may have. Upon completion of the interview, **motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to appoint Carolyn Schmit to the position of Clerk – Treasurer for the City of Effie. MCU**

Clerk/Treasurer Oath

Mayor Krickhahn, with the approval of council, invited Carolyn Schmit to attend the remainder of the meeting. Carolyn Schmit took the Oath of Office and joined the council table.

Updated Bank Signature Cards

Mayor Krickhahn stated that with the addition of the new clerk, bank signature cards would need to be updated.

Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to update all bank signatures to contain the names of Mayor Mark Krickhahn, Acting Mayor Tim Grady and Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Schmit. MCU

Internet

Mayor Krickhahn updated the council regarding the issue of no Internet in the building. The Clerk will be working from the office and will need access to the Internet to perform her duties. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Bob Cassibo to approve Arvig reinstalling Internet in the Clerk/Mayor office. MCU**

Digital Voice Recorder

Councilor Krickhahn submitted information on a digital voice recorder that was purchased for recording council meetings. The recorder was present at the meeting for councilors to review. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Bob Cassibo to approve the purchase of the digital voice recorder. MCU**

Vern Hawkinson's Wastewater Contract

Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve renewing the contract with Vern Hawkinson. MCU

Liability Coverage – Waiver Form

Council reviewed the League of Minnesota Cities, annual Liability Coverage – Waiver Form. **Motion by Tim Grady, second by Lil Longtine to select the member DOES NOT Waive option. MCU**

Itasca County Land Development

Mayor Krickhahn discussed the notification received from the Itasca County Land Department regarding the classification or reclassification and sale of PID #90-410-0336. **JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the classification or reclassification and sale of PID #90-410-0336, made motion. MCU**

Nuisance Ordinance – 2017-01

Draft proposal of a Nuisance Ordinance was reviewed and discussed. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve Nuisance Ordinance 2017-01 as presented and complete process to publish and post. Motion carried; 3-Ayes, 1-Nay; Bob Cassibo.**

Jensen Bill

The invoice submitted by resident Dwight Jensen was reviewed and discussed. Mayor Krickhahn asked that the opportunity to review the issue be in the future be included. **Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the current invoice and leave open to review the process in the future. MCU**

Fund Raiser

Lil Longtine shared that she had discussed the possibility of having a fundraiser dinner to assist with building repairs. Tim Grady suggested that the best way to move forward would be to work with the American Legion or the Legion Auxiliary and have the funds donated for building repair.

Grinder Pumps/Sewer Repairs

Mayor Krickhahn gave an update on the repair work that was needed to resolve the sewer problem at Jason Waldron's residence. Jeff Powell made repairs and Honey Bear Septic was called in to pump out three

truckloads of sludge. The Mayor also gave an update on the pumps that were taken to Hermantown to be rebuilt. The vendor was only able to rebuild one as the other one was completely shot. This puts the City in the position of not having any spares. The Mayor stated he had spoken to two vendors with regards to replacing the E-One pumps. One of the distributors will be coming to the June meeting to give the Council a demonstration of the pumps, however with that the meeting time will need to be moved to 5:30 in order to accommodate the timing of the demonstration. There was discussion as to could the City afford to purchase a pump. The Mayor indicated that the new pump is around \$2400 for a two horse and we were paying approximately \$2500 for a one-horse pump. **Motion was made by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to purchase the new pump for \$2,400 and change the time of the June meeting to 5:30.**

The Mayor also informed the Council that a representative from the Minnesota Rural Water Assoc. had reviewed sewer issues in Effie. He suspects that there could be additional broken pipes near the grinder pump located by Waldron's. For a cost of \$300 he can return with camera and inspect all 11 of the grinder pump locations to detect if there are any additional broken lines. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Bob Cassibo to approve the \$300 to have the grinder pumps inspected. MCU**

Community Building Repairs

Mayor Krickhahn gave an update on the recent water repairs made at the community building. He stated that the pump froze over the winter and burned up. He informed Council that Runyan Well Drilling replaced the pump and he had made all the other necessary repairs of broken lines, tank fill valve and faucet replacement. He just requesting that he be reimbursed for material and labor costs are being donated.

The Mayor requested that the council spearhead some fundraisers so that additional repairs can be made to the community building. He also stated that he is working with the work detail from Togo to come help with some of the repair projects such as repairs to the ice-skating rink, the warming shack and the volleyball and basketball courts. Funds are needed for the wood for the ice skating rink and warming shack.

He also reminded council that Dave and Claire Olson are working on a fundraiser for the park and ball field. They are hosting a baseball tournament on May 20th.

JoAnn Krickhahn gave a brief update on Rodeo Daze efforts. Some donations have come in and several food vendors have signed up.

OLD BUSINESS

Payroll and Claims

Payroll and timecards for the month of April 2017, in the amount of \$931.67

Claims approved for payment for the month of April 2017, in the amount of \$5,992.21

Next Meeting Date

Monday, June 12, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

The Mayor indicated that he would like to move the regular scheduled meeting time to 6:30 p.m. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to change the regular scheduled meeting time to 6:30 p.m. MCU**

Adjournment

Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by Lil Longtine to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. MCU

Carolyn Schmit

To be approved at the next regular meeting to be held on June 12, 2017

Clerk/Treasurer
