

City Of Effie
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
100 SW STATE HWY 38 – COMMUNITY BUILDING
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June 12, 2017
5:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mayor Mark Krickhahn, Councilwoman JoAnn Krickhahn, and Councilman Timothy Grady, Councilman Bob Cassibo, Councilwoman Lil Longtine and City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Schmit

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Becky Passeri, Jeff Tyler, Tom Lamont

Call to Order: Mayor Krickhahn called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone stood and recited The Pledge of Allegiance

Public Forum: Tom Lamont addressed the council with concerns about the city streets, ball park and community center. He feels the council isn't following through with the things they stated they would do. He also stated he used to volunteer to do the playground equipment repairs and since he stopped, it isn't being done. Mayor Krickhahn thanked him for his input.

As no one else wished to speak the public forum was closed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the agenda. MCU

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the May 8, 2017 minutes as written. MCU

New Business:

- **Presentation of grinder pumps:** Jeff Tyler of Northland Reps, Inc attended the meeting to share information on the new grinder pumps that the city is purchasing. He discussed the advantages of the pumps compared to what is currently being used. He explained how easily the new pumps will be to put in place, explained the warranty and the companies procedures when there is a problem with the pumps. He also had a smaller version of the pump set up for a demonstration. He demonstrated how the pump would handle a shop rag, wet wipes, a plastic glove and feminine products.
- **Vern Hawkinson, Waste Water Contract:** Motion by Bob Cassibo, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve renewal of the Vern Hawkinson Wastewater Contract. MCU
- **Debit Card on Checking Account:** Mayor Krickhahn informed the council that it would be helpful to have a debit card issued on the checking account for Clerk Carolyn Schmit to use to purchase office supplies so she doesn't have to purchase them out of her own pocket and wait to be reimbursed. Councilman Grady asked for an approximate cost and suggested a requirement that a budget is set and the cost has to stay within that budget. Clerk Schmit stated that since she just started it was hard to estimate costs, but thinks toner alone may run \$700.00 a year. Councilman Grady asked if the council thought that \$2,000.00 a year would be sufficient and any expenses above and beyond would be brought to the council for approval. Clerk Schmit and the council agreed this should be sufficient. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve the issuance of a debit card for clerk use with a maximum amount of \$2,000.00. MCU**
- **Randy Rhodes mowing contract:** Mayor Krickhahn asked the council to discuss the contract for Randy Rhodes to do the mowing for the city for the season, the contract would be for \$5,000.00. He stated that Randy has already been doing the mowing and felt that he was doing a good job. Councilman Grady stated that he agreed Randy was doing a good job. He stated that there is always the debate on whether they buy a machine of their own but the trouble is finding someone responsible to run it. Councilman Cassibo stated that he felt the cost keeps increasing each year

and he felt they should look into buying a machine and find someone to run it. Mayor Krickhahn suggested that they continue with Randy for this year and do some research on the options for next year. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the mowing contract with Randy Rhodes in the amount of \$5,000.00. Motion carried; 3-Ayes, 1-Nay; Bob Cassibo**

- **Building maintenance pay increase:** Mayor Krickhahn asked the council to review the amount of time they are paying Lil Longtine for cleaning the community center. She has been getting paid for one time of cleaning and it isn't sufficient. He asked the council to consider changing her pay to 2 times per month. Lil explained that one time isn't enough considering how much the community center is getting used now. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Bob Cassibo to approve the increase of pay from 1 time per month to 2 times per month at \$40.00/time. MCU**
- **Use of Community Center tables:** Councilwoman Longtine said that she was approached by a Bigfork resident asking about using the table from the Community Center for a wedding. Councilwoman Krickhahn asked if the resident had checked with Bigfork City Hall, she thought they had a provision for using the table. Councilman Grady suggested that the resident should check with Bigfork Legion or city hall before approaching the council again. Councilwoman Longtine stated that they used to allow people to use the tables but that she would pass on the information to the interested party.
- **Playground area:** Councilwoman Longtine brought up the playground equipment and it's condition. She said that she had recently been in the playground and it's in bad shape, there isn't a child swing any longer. Councilwoman Krickhahn said that she had done some pricing of new equipment and even the smallest pieces are very expensive. Mayor Krickhahn said that he has arranged for the Restorative Justice Work Crew to come and work on repairs at no cost. He has coordinated with the Sergeant and they will be coming in two weeks. They will complete some repairs and then come back again in September. They will be repairing the boards on the skating rink. They will also be fixing the tennis court by pulling the grass and filling the cracks. Mayor Krickhahn says that he would like to put in his basketball hoops. They are also going to till up the volleyball court. Councilman Grady suggested that they use a pressure washer to clean out the cracks in the cement of the court. There was some discussion about power and water. Councilwoman Longtine said that they could use her water. Mayor Krickhahn said he had a generator that could be used. He asked the council to make a motion to pay for the cost of the quick set concrete and the rental of a larger tiller. Councilwoman Krickhahn suggested they use the pull tab money to pay for this since it's one of the allowed expenses. She also stated that she is making some phone calls to see about getting a used volleyball net donated. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve the use of pull tab money to purchase the concrete and rent a tiller with a maximum amount of \$400.00. MCU**
- **City planters and flowers:** Councilwoman Krickhahn said that she had received a phone call from Viki Roehl regarding the purchase of flowers for the planters. Councilwoman Krickhahn stated that she told Viki the budget for the flowers is \$150.00 and approved for her to purchase them from Forevergreen Greenhouse. There was discussion about the barrels as 2 of them are falling apart. The council discussed options and costs to the wooden whiskey barrels they have been using as they don't seem to last that long. There was also some discussion as to who is responsible for putting them out and cleaning them up at the end of the season. Sometimes there is dirt being left in them which causes them to rot. Councilwoman Krickhahn asked if a couple people would help her look at them and try to repair what they have to get through this year and then in the fall when things go on clearance, consider purchasing new containers. There was also discussion about the flower boxes by the school and the condition of them. Councilwoman Krickhahn said she would look at it and determine if it was salvageable. If it is she suggested some perennials for cover and then adding some annuals each year for color. Mayor Krickhahn stated

that David Olson has been gone but when he is able to he will turn in the money from the fundraiser softball tournament that was held.

- **City Logo:** Councilwoman Krickhahn spoke saying she felt it may be fun to hold a contest to have people design a logo for the city in hopes it would community involvement. The council discussed it and agreed it was a good idea with the stipulation that the logo would be used with council discretion. Councilwoman Krickhahn stated that she would work with Clerk Schmit to firm up the details of the contest and get the word out.

Old Business:

- **Grinder pump electric meters:** Mayor Krickhahn share the quote that he had gotten from Goggleye Electric to add electric meters to the grinder pumps. He stated that the city is currently paying \$46.00 per month per meter. The price of the installation is higher than what he was expecting but it can be broken into stages. Boring needs to be done to put the meters in place and depending on the location of the pump, some are more expensive than others. Councilman Grady asked if the quote could be broken out by site so that the council could choose how to move forward with the project. He stated that he thought it was a good project but they needed the breakdown to determine priority. Councilwoman Krickhahn also stated that she felt it was a good project but that they needed more information to determine how to proceed. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve the project with the expectation that they would get a quote with breakdowns. MCU**
- **Inspection of sewer pipes:** Mayor Krickhahn informed the council that a representative from the Minnesota Rural Water Association came to inspect the sewer pipes as there was a suspicion that there were broken pipes. The inspection found that there weren't any broken sewer pipes. Mayor Krickhahn said that he will have a video of the pipes available for the next meeting.
- **Community Building Repairs:** Mayor Krickhahn asked Councilman Grady to give the council an update on the community building repairs. Councilman Grady said that he has looked at the building and had a couple of other people look at it and felt that there are support boards that need to be cut off and replaced where rotted. He said that one that is done he felt the building should be painted. The repairs he recommended were the support boards and painting and he said that he has gotten an estimate between four to six thousand to do the repairs. He said that the salt shack would be removed and he would have the tree trimmed further. Councilwoman Krickhahn stated that Tim Johnson is looking for funds in the way of grants to help with building repairs.

Payroll and Claims:

Payroll and timecards for the month of May, in the amount of \$628.92. **Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn seconded by Tim Grady to approve the Payroll as listed. MCU**

Claims approved for payment for the month of May, in the amount of \$4,599.06. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve the claims as listed. MCU**

Adjournment:

Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Carolyn Schmit
on July 10, 2017

To be approved at the next regular meeting held

City Clerk/Treasurer