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March 13, 2017  
7:00pm

Regular Effie City Council meeting held at the Effie Community Center Building

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**Members in Attendance:** Mayor Mark Krickhahn, Councilman Bob Cassibo, Councilman Tim Grady, Councilwoman JoAnn Krickhahn, and Councilwoman Lil Longtine.

**Absent:** Clerk Jennifer Knott

**Also Present:** Jeff Powell, Tom LaMont, Larry Melby, Sheriff Vic Williams, Becky Passeri

**Call to Order**

Mayor Mark Krickhahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Everyone stood and recited The Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Forum**

Danny Burman spoke requesting the process for a building permit. Application was give to Mr. Burman. Jeff Powell spoke regarding issue with sewer bill for recently purchased property in Effie. Mayor assured Mr. Powell we would rectify the situation. Lil Longtine also spoke regarding an issue with the culvert near her property and the city street. Mr. Powell also gave information regarding this issue. Mayor Krickhahn said he would review the situation and follow up. Ms. Longtine also indicated that several community members contacted her regarding the issue of not receiving a sewage bill this month and also expressing concern that the City is not processing their checks in a timely manner. Mayor Krickhahn also spoke indicating that he and councilwoman JoAnn Krickhahn had also received 6-7 calls regarding the issue of not receiving their sewer bill this month and several that said the amount owed was not correct. Several of the callers indicated this happens on a regular basis, either they don't receive a bill or they are received late. Mayor Krickhahn informed everyone that he would follow up on the issue. 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 the February 13, 2017 Minutes**

**Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the February 13, 2017 minutes as written. MCU**

**New Business**

**Lock Change**

Tim Grady presented the information regarding the change of locks for the building. After reviewing costs and discussing with the locksmith a determination was made that the most cost effective thing to do would be to

add dead bolts to each of the doors. It was also suggested to remove the push bars so the locks would not be an issue. Sheriff Vic Williams spoke and suggested that we leave the push bars for ease in exiting the building and simply not use the locking mechanism and install the deadbolts as discussed. The council agreed with this suggestion. Tim Grady said that he thought 8 keys for entering the building would be sufficient. Cost estimate for deadbolts for the necessary doors was \$50 - \$60 per door. **Motion by Lil Longtine, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve proceeding with the lock changes. MCU**

### **Larry Melby – Building Project**

Mr. Melby is interested in purchasing the Effie Café if he can place a residential building on the property facing County Rd. 5. Mr. Melby left a tentative plan for the building and site location. As well, he was given a building permit application to complete. Mayor Krickhahn assured Mr. Melby that the Council would look into the zoning and follow up with him.

### **Sheriff Vic Willams - Ordinances**

Sheriff Willams thanked the Council for inviting him. Sheriff Williams outlined the Council's responsibility for ensuring the safety and well being of the community. He further stated that since the City does not have a Police Dept. that the City falls under his jurisdiction. Sheriff Williams outlined how the process works and assured the Council he and his department are here to support the City. He suggested working with the League of Minnesota Cities and/or our City Attorney and begin the process of drafting ordinances to ensure community safety and growth. He gave Council members his cell phone number and assured the Mayor he is happy to work with us. The Council thanked Sheriff Williams for coming and providing helpful information.

### **Vern Hawkinson's Wastewater Contract**

**Motion by Lil Longtine, seconded by Bob Cassibo to approve renewal of the Vern Hawkinson Wastewater Contract. MCU**

## **Old Business**

### **Ball Teams Payment for 2016**

As no representative of the Ball Teams was present it was decided to table the issue until next meeting.

**Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by Tim Grady to table this item until the April meeting. MCU**

### **Ball Park**

As no representative of the Ball Teams was present it was decided to table the issue until next meeting.

**Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by Tim Grady to table this item until the April meeting. MCU**

### **The Dumpster**

As no representative of the Ball Teams was present it was decided to table the issue until next meeting.

**Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by Tim Grady to table this item until the April meeting. MCU**

### **Call Forwarding**

Councilwoman Krickhahn informed the Council that call forwarding has been removed from the telephone, as Arvig was unable to get the feature to work properly. They are unsure as to why it won't work but did try another feature and that did not work either. Jeff Powell suggested placing a call to Arvig so they can determine if they would do a site visit to determine the issue or possibly add a feature similar to the one that they utilize at the store. Another option might be the use of a cell phone instead of a landline. Councilwoman Krickhahn stated she would review options to determine what if anything can be done to ensure that the telephone messages are being retrieved and bring the information back to the Council for review.

### **Long Range Plan**

Mayor Krickhahn asked the Council if they had come up with any ideas to be added to the long-range plan. Councilman Grady and Councilwoman Krickhahn shared their ideas as well as Mayor Krickhahn. Councilwoman Krickhahn will make a spreadsheet of the ideas for the next meeting and the Council will review and prioritize them. Council members can submit any further ideas to JoAnn Krickhahn prior to the next meeting and they will be added to the spreadsheet.

### **Rental Hall Agreement**

Councilwoman Krickhahn asked if any changes or additions were needed for the updated Rental Agreement. As there were none, the Council's consensus was to utilize the updated agreement.

### **The Source**

Councilwoman Krickhahn asked if there were any comments from the Council regarding the information for The Source article. There being none, Councilwoman Krickhahn shared a draft of information. After reviewing the draft, Council's consensus was to utilize the information presented.

### **Snow Removal Contract**

Jeff Powell was present to inquire if the Council needed anything further from him in regards to the current three (3) year snow removal contract. As there are no changes or additions to the contract the Council informed Mr. Powell nothing else was needed for the remainder of the contract.

### **Swab Equipment - Sewer**

Vern Hawkinson presented the revised cost for the filter and swabs that need to be replaced. Mayor Krickhahn passed out the cost estimate from Tony Birrittieri from Peterson one. Cost is \$390 plus shipping and handling. **Motion by Tim Grady, seconded by JoAnn Krickhahn to approve the purchase of the swab and filter equipment. MCU**

### **Payroll and Claims**

Payroll for the month of March 2017: \$1,060.00

Claims for the month of March 2017: \$1,813.61

Full listing of claims can be viewed upon request.

**Motion by JoAnn Krickhahn, seconded by Lil Longtine to approve the bills and payroll as listed. MCU**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Lil Longtine, seconded by Tim Grady to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.**

JoAnn Krickhahn

Councilwoman/Acting Recorder

Approved at the regular meeting on April 10, 2017

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Next regular monthly Council meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.