

Minutes

November 15, 2011

General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Charles Neff/Mayor at 7:02 pm.

a) Council Members present were Charles Neff/Mayor, Bob Dablow, Mark Hanson and Shelley Poehls. Burl Ingebretsen was unable to attend.

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Aaron Mayry, Norm Nyland, Dan Hanson, and Richard Schenck.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) **General Meeting** – October 18, 2011.

A **MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to approve the General Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2011. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

b) **Special Meeting** – October 18, 2011.

A **MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2011. It was 2nd by Mark Hanson and the motion carried.

c) **Special Meeting** – October 25, 2011.

A **MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2011. It was 2nd by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

d) **Special Meeting** – November 8, 2011.

A **MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for November 8, 2011. It was 2nd by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

4) City Attorney – Zenas Baer – Not Present to report.

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – Dan talked about next years street project and brought in the bench testing report for water. Dan will bring an engineering report in next month for the street project with costs for what we need done. There are a few areas with sewer issues we need to look at to work on during the street project.

6) Building Permits – Roland Holm – Not Present to report.

7) Amendments to Agenda – none.

8) Citizens concerns – none.

10) Water Department – Moved up - Norm Nyland – Norm met with Dan & Steve from Moore Engineering on November 14. We will have to add some new equipment to the plant for a second injection point to add permanganate. We will be adding the permanganate by the end of the month which should eliminate the iron and some of the manganese. Sweeney will come out to write up a bid on flow meters in the plant. The water coming out of the plant now has been really clear. Steve has been very helpful, we know it has been expensive, but we have made a lot of progress. The power went out on Monday, the generator started up after a delay and after the power came back on the pumps were not running. A breaker blew in the generator, so Norm will talk to Dave Coalwell and check it out. Charley will be sending out a letter to the residents updating the water progress. Norm would like to set up a meeting with Steve Peterson from the state, so he knows what we are working on. Our water has

never been a safety issue, we have always met the state primary standards.

11) Sewer Department – Moved up - Norm Nyland – We pumped 1.246 million gallons from the water plant last month, but a lot was due to the hydrant flushing. .908 million gallons were pumped out to the lagoons. We don't have a major leak in the system, but we do have some small cracks. 2 complete discharges were done this year and we are at the lowest levels we have had going into winter. Norm talked to Fitzgeralds about getting the rip rap done. JetWay has gotten us the video of the sewer lines.

a) Sump Pump Update – none.

9) Maintenance Department – Aaron Mayry – Aaron reported on what he has been working on. He has purchased and assembled the snow blower. We also have a muskrat in the pond that Aaron is working on getting rid of.

10) Water Department – Norm Nyland – moved up.

11) Sewer Department – Norm Nyland – moved up.

12) Treasurers Report

a) Budget Shortfall – Income and expenditures were looked over.

13) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims – were looked over.

A MOTION was made by Bob Dablow to approve the Receipts, Disbursements & Claims. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

14) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – We will look at raising the past due rates at next months meeting. We have 2 that need to be shut off this month if payments aren't made by the 25th. We will also look into a new policy for shut offs if high costs are involved in shutting the service off.

15) Old Business

a) 2012 Garbage Budget – **A MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the 2012 Garbage Budget. It was 2nd by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

b) 2012 General Budget – We will set up another special meeting after Thanksgiving. We also need to set up a Truth in Taxation Meeting between November 25th and December 28th.

16) New Business

a) Resolution Liquor License Fees – The fees will be raised to \$1,850.00 for on sale, \$200.00 for off sale and the temporary rates will be \$35.00 per day.

A MOTION was made by Bob Dablow to approve the new liquor license rates. It was 2nd by Mark Hanson and the motion carried with Shelley Poehls abstaining.

17) Commissioner Reports

a) Health & Weeds - Charles Neff – Nothing to report.

b) Emergency Management Director - Randy Schmidt – Not Present to report.

c) Planning & Zoning - Aaron Skattum – Not present to report.

d) Fire District - Bob Dablow – Minutes and financial information was looked over.

e) Rescue Squad – Shelley Poehls – Minutes from the October meeting were looked over. The Council turned down a request at the last Council meeting for new openers and safety eyes, Richard would like to know if the Council will approve the new garage door openers and safety eyes if the Rescue Squad uses money from their budget to pay for it. The reason for new openers is to add safety

eyes and 1 door doesn't have an opener, so they have to get out of the vehicle to close the door when they are called out. Charley feels the cost is not justified at over \$2,000.00 of taxpayers money for these improvements. The Rescue squad was not happy that the City turned it down at the last Council meeting. The Fire department worked out of the building without safety eyes and an opener. Shelley would like to let the Rescue Squad get a few more bids to see if the cost can be lowered and look at it again next month. Richard only got 1 bid for the project so far, he will get a few more estimates for the openers and safety eyes.

f) Parks - Burl Ingebretsen – Nothing to report.

g) Recycling - Mark Hanson – Nothing to report.

h) Streets – Mark Hanson – The street project was discussed earlier with Dan.

18) Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Mark Hanson to adjourn. It was 2nd by Bob Dablow and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 12-20-11