

Minutes
August 20, 2013
General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:01PM.

a) Council Members present were Bob Dablow, Adam Jenstead, Tom Berglind, Shelley Poehls and Burl Ingebretsen.

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

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – July 16, 2013

A MOTION was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve the General Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2013. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

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

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson was unable to attend.

6) Amendments to Agenda – Harvest Days was added under New Business.

7) Citizens Concerns – Council members have been contacted regarding culverts in the new addition. According to the covenants there is to be no dirt work unless it's put back as it was. Bob will contact Ed Wilson if there are issues.

8) Maintenance Department – Aaron Mayry – Aaron has been spraying for weeds and mosquitoes, treated the algae in the pond and cleaning city facilities for Harvest Days. We are still having vandalism issues in the park two of the spring toys have been removed because they have been broken. Adam asked Aaron his intentions on working full time for the city. Aaron has agreed to do the school bus again this year until a replacement can be found for him there. The city has a need for Aaron to be putting in more hours here.

9) Water Department – Norm Nyland – Norm was unable to attend and left a list with Aaron to report. 1.353 million gallons were pumped last month. The tower and clearwell have been cleaned and look good. We will be getting a report from KLM on the cleaning. Testing for clearitas will cost about \$700.00 before we can even begin to start adding it. Norm would like Aaron to test for his Class C license and will get the testing set up for him. Hydrants will be winterized in the end of October.

10) Sewer Department – Norm Nyland – Norm was unable to attend and left a list with Aaron to report. Dave's Spray Service was out to spray at the lagoons. Norm will set up another spray in the fall. Discharge season begins September 15th; Norm will probably start October 1st. The lift station is working very well.

a) **Sump Pumps** – Dan Hanson had emailed us some example letters on what to send out to the residents to explain why sending the sump pumps outside is so important. Bob will draft a letter by next month's meeting for the council to look over.

11) Treasurers Report – Financials were looked over. Our LGA is going up next year which is good because it was supposed to go down.

a) **Budget Shortages** – We are still short about \$8,000.00 in our budget for the year at this time. The siren upgrade was \$1,500.00 more than we were anticipating.

12) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims – Were looked over.

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

13) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – There are five to be shut off this month if payments aren't made by the 25th.

14) Old Business

a) **Rescue Squad Internet Fees** – Wendy has checked with other companies and the cost are higher than Midcontinent.

A **MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to sign a 5 year contract with Midcontinent for \$65.00 per month for the Rescue Squad internet. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

15) New Business

a) **Pender Benefit** – October 26th there will be a benefit in the Community Center. They have requested using it without charge. We have let other community members in the past use it at no charge for a benefit.

A **MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to not charge for the use of the Community Center for the benefit, as long as it is cleaned up by them afterward. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

b) **Proposed Tax Levy** – We need to set our proposed levy for 2014 which we can lower by the final levy in December, but cannot raise after today.

A **MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to raise taxes by 15% for the proposed levy. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

c) **Harvest Days** – All in all Harvest Days went well. Friday night was so-so, but Saturday was great. There was an incident where the barrel train tipped over, Adam is working with the insurance company on the accident.

16) Commissioner Reports

a) **Health** – Adam Jenstead – Lots of spraying has been done.

b) **Weeds** – More spraying will be done at the lagoons.

c) **Emergency Management Director** - Randy Schmidt – Not present to report.

d) **Fire District** - Bob Dablow – Minutes and financials were looked over.

e) **Rescue Squad**- Shelley Poehls – Minutes were looked over. Two members have quit recently.

f) **Parks** – Adam Jenstead – Part of the fence has been fixed.

g) **Recycling** – Burl Ingebretsen - Nothing to report.

h) **Streets** – Burl Ingebretsen – Burl had a complaint about some gravel piled up on the side of the road, Aaron was told to clean it up. Some of our stop signs are obstructed and one may need to be moved closer to the side of the road. There have also been complaints of people not stopping at some stop signs. Violation fee signs and slow children signs may be added to the problem areas. Burl and Aaron will look at sign costs for next month's meeting.

i) **Street Light Petition** – There was a petition signed by 35 residents requesting we put a street light in on 4th Ave. W. The City of Moorhead is considering a \$3.00 street light utility fee, which is something we may look into. Tom and Burl will inventory the existing street lights. We will also check with Xcel on the costs of adding street lights.

17) Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to adjourn. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 9-17-13 _____