

**Minutes**  
September 15, 2009  
General Meeting

- 1) The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Charles Neff at 7:04.
  - a) Council Members present Charles Neff, Mayor, Bob Dablow, and Burl Ingebretsen, Shelley Poehls. Mark Hanson was unable to attend.
  - b) Others present were Sarah Ramsey, Clerk, Rich Hayes, Aaron Mayry, Norm Nyland, Dan Hanson, Richard Schenck, Arturo Escobar, Brady Tollerud, Chad Spieker, Tina Spieker, Calyn Kenyon, Adam Jenstead, and Jolise Jenstead.
  
- 2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
  
- 3) **Previous Minutes**
  - a) General Meeting 8/18/09  
**A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to approve the General Meeting, 8/18/09 minutes. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.
  - b) Special Meeting 9/1/09  
**A MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve the General Meeting, 9/1/09 minutes. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.
  
- 4) **City Attorney** - Zenas Baer-Not present
  
- 5) **City Engineer** – Dan Hanson-Dan briefed council on the water main break on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue last week. This issue was not due to the work done last year. It is the City's responsibility to pay for the repairs. Dan has been getting several calls regarding property lines. Property pins have been misplaced. Dan said they could come and check things out but the council thinks it would give residents the wrong impression that the city is responsible. It is a dispute between home owners per Zenas. Shelley asked about the houses last year that were having issues with drainage. Dan said the homeowner had called and the contractor has fixed the problem.
  
- 6) **Amendments to the agenda**-Added a section on maintenance after parks.
- 7) **Citizen's concerns**-Mrs. Speiker addressed the council on behalf of herself and her neighbors. They are having concerns about the quality of water. The water is brown and sometimes the chlorine smell is so bad. There were 7 people here to argue the point, all from the new development. Dan touched on the subject, giving residents a few options of what could be done, unfortunately the cost is very expensive to fix or replace. Dan explained why they are seeing the color distortion so much in the new development. The residents asked about monthly hydrant flushing, Dan agreed that it would defiantly help. Barnesville has gone to doing it and it has helped. Art wanted to know if there was anything that could be done about mineral build up before it got to the PVC pipe, Dan said there might be but it would come with a hefty price tag. Charlie would like to see a meeting set up with Tim, Rich, and himself. Charley will also go with Rich and flush hydrants next week. Adam also had a concern on the hill that was taking out of the park. According to Charlie the hill was never supposed to

be put up per the council in 1996 due to liabilities. Adam also wanted to know what was going on with the pond and fountain. Norm has been working on getting that problem solved. We are looking at replacing the fountain and trying some chemical options that work with the MPCA.

**8) The Treasurer's Report-**

a) Meeting with Auditor-Charley and I went to Fergus to meet with Heather about some questions we had. It was extremely beneficial. We are on the right track.

**9) Receipts & Disbursements**

A **MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve Receipts and Disbursements. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

**10) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues**

a) 16 past dues were sent out due on 9-10-09 a total of \$ 6,243.45

b) Shut off's went out on 9-10-09 and will be up for disconnection on the 28<sup>th</sup>

11) **Mayor's Minute**-Charley talked about the remainder of his term. He has 3 things he will have done. He wants the Finances straight, Water situation straight, and getting Aaron running smoothly as a maintenance guy.

**12) Roland Holm reports quarterly**

13) **Fire Department Business**, Commissioner Report – Bob Dablow –Monty Martin and Gary Storms will be stepping down and the Fire District will be looking to fill those positions. A Cascade system has been donated by The City of Moorhead; it will need a new motor.

14) **EMS Business**, EMS Commissioner Report - Shelley Poehls-October 12<sup>th</sup> Fire and Ems will be training together. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rig is getting lights installed. Ventures went to Duluth. The rescue squad will be taking over Aaron's phone bill. Ems would requests copies of all documentation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> rig. Sarah will be getting them that once the title comes. Ems did do some training for the H1N1 in Dilworth. Ems is still actively perusing new volunteers.

15) **Water Department** - Rich Hayes, Supervisor-Bob, Shelley, and Charley would like to see Re-ox used again. Rich was planning on flushing hydrants tonight. He ran one tonight and when it first opened up it was pretty brown after 15 minutes of flushing it was running clear.

16) **Sewer Department** - Norm Nyland, Supervisor- Dave's Sprayer was out at the lagoons. We do need to keep on top of it next year. Probably once in the spring and in the early fall. Key will be out early next month to spin cast. 1.13 million gallons were pumped out to the lagoon.

17) **Parks** - Burl Ingebretsen-Adam wanted to know the last time we have sprayed for mosquitoes. Charley disputed the rumors that the spaying equipment was put up for the season. Burl talked to Jeff about a wish list for the parks for the 2010 budget. This past weekend was the Dickelman tournament, they brought their own vending. Our concession stand was not used.

18) **Maintenance**-Aaron says it's been a slow start but now with school started he is off to a good start. The stalls are up in the men's room and he has a good start on the woman's room.

19) **Streets** – Charles Neff-Still working with Vern with the culvert situation on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
a) 2<sup>nd</sup> St W-Charley talked to the rail road they don't have a problem with us digging up the culvert. They only asked that we give them 2 days notice to have a signal man there.

20) **Recycling** – Mark Hanson-Nothing to report.

21) **Ordinances**-nothing to report.

**22) 2010 Budget**

a) EMS Budget-The budget will be tabled until next meeting.

b) Fire District Budget

A **MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve Fire District Budget as submitted by Bob. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charles Neff and the motion carried.

c) Set Special meeting for budget-We will be working out a time later this week.

**23) Old Business**

a) Community Center-Bathroom partisans are being replaced.

**24) New Business**

a) **Special Tax levy** –After our visit with Heather she strongly advised that we do a special levy for the Water bond. Today is the last day for a purposed tax levy limit. Charley purposed that we levy \$39,297.00 in a special levy and keep the general levy the same as it was last year \$76,800.00.

A **MOTION** was made by Charles Neff to approve \$39,297.00 for the special levy and \$76,800 for the general levy .It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

**b) Banyan**

A **MOTION** was made by Shelly Poehls to approve the purchase of Banyan software.. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

**c) EMS Utility bills**

A **MOTION** was made by Charles Neff to approve the City to take over 100 % the utility bills for the Rescue Building. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

d) **City Treasurer position**-Charley would like to see this position eliminated.

A **MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to eliminate the City Treasures position by Bob. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

e) Park land acquisition – Renee Wolf mentioned the city purchasing the land next to Rich Hayes home. There is a pipeline that runs through the property. Charley contacted the owner to see what he was selling it for. Norm and Rich told the council that you can not put anything on top of the pipeline. It would be pointless for the city to own if nothing could be put on the property.

**25) Commissioner Reports**

a) **Health& Weeds** – Charles Neff-Everything is fine.

b) **Civil Defense** - Randy Schmidt-nothing to report.

c) **Planning and Zoning**-Aaron Skattum-Hopes to be at the next meeting with a zoning map.

**26) Adjournment**

**A MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to adjourn. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Sarah Ramsey, City Clerk

Approved 10/20/2009