

Minutes

October 22, 2013
Special Meeting
2014 Budget

1) **The meeting was called to order** by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:03PM.

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

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk and Norm Nyland.

2) **The Pledge of Allegiance** was said.

3) **Water Issues** – The elevator has a connection that is tied in before the meter. There is also another connection that does not have an anti-siphon connection on it and is required by the state to have the anti-siphon connection on it. Norm will contact the elevator about what is required to be done to legalize the connections.

Bob received an email from a resident that has a payment arrangement for the past due utility bill and has missed a payment on the agreement claiming that the water has damaged her home and asking the city to reduce the bill for the damages. The council feels the damage she has claimed is not due to the water and she will need to pay the full amount due. Bob will email her back that payment needs to be made within 24 hours or service will be discontinued.

Hydrants have been looking very good during the flushing. They are coming clear in under a minute as opposed to the past when it would take 30 minutes or more to run clear. We have made a lot of progress cleaning out the distribution lines.

The lead/copper test results have come back and all are within levels they should be at.

4) **Employee Benefits** – A vacation schedule was set up for full time employees that work at least 32 hours per week.

A MOTION was made by Bob Dablow to approve a vacation schedule for full time employees of after 1 year 1 week, 3 years 2 weeks and 5 years 3 weeks paid vacation, with 3 weeks being the most an employee can earn. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

The council also discussed whether or not employees will receive raises for 2014. The last time employees received raises was in 2011.

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to give all city employees a 5% wage increase beginning January 1, 2014. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

5) **2014 Budget**

a) **Fire District** – **A MOTION** was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the proposed 2014 Fire District Budget. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

b) **Rescue Squad** – **A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to approve the proposed 2014 Rescue Squad Budget. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

c) **Health** – **A MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve the proposed 2014 Health Budget. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

d) **Recycling** – **A MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve the 2014 Recycling

Budget. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

e) Garbage – A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the proposed 2014 Garbage Budget. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

f) Water – A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the proposed 2014 Water Budget. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

g) Waste-water – A MOTION was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the proposed 2014 Waste-water Budget. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

h) General Expenses – The council worked on the general expenses and tabled it until the November 19th general meeting.

i) General Receipts – The council worked on the general receipts and tabled it until the November 19th general meeting.

6) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

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