

Minutes
July 15, 2014
General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:05PM.

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

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Norm Nyland, Roger Ball, Dean Jorgenson, Steve Sortland and Richard Schenck.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – June 17, 2014

A MOTION was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the General Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2014. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

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

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – We let Dan know ahead of time that we did not have anything for him this month.

6) Amendments to Agenda – 16) h) Street Lights & Problem Property were added under streets.

7) Citizens concerns – Roger Ball is selling the Crowbar to Dean Jorgenson and Steve Sortland. The new owners are to take over August 1st and are requesting a liquor license from the city. Wendy will contact the state to get the paperwork needed for the new owners to apply for a license from the state.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to approve the liquor license for the new owners of the Crowbar pending state approval. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

8) Maintenance Department – Aaron Mayry – Not present to report. Norm Nyland reported the pond pump is bad and the weeds need to be cleaned out. The council would like the pond drained and cleaned out. The council will also look into the cost of putting rip rap along the edges. Aaron plans on repairing the gutters on the community center before Harvest Days.

9) Water Department – Norm Nyland – 959,000 gallons were pumped last month. The reverse flow at the elevator has been installed. Norm doesn't think that the meter at the elevator is working properly, Tom suggested filling a firetruck and checking the readings before and after to see if it is working. The council also feels that we should not be responsible for billing the farmers who use the water at the elevator and that it is a service they provide, so we should bill the elevator and they can bill their customers.

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead that effective January 1, 2015 that we will start billing the elevator for water used and they can bill their customers. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

10) Sewer Department – Norm Nyland – 2.469 million gallons pumped to the lagoons last month, with 7.55 inches of rain. We still have sump pump issues and need someone to

enforce violations. The lagoons are looking good and we should be OK until the fall discharge. Dave's Spray Service will be out to spray. Norm talked to Key and they will be out to do the manholes when they can.

11) Treasurers Report – Looked over. We need to set our preliminary tax levy next month.

a) Health Fund – The Health Fund has a negative balance and it is getting worse due to all of the mosquito spraying being done, we need to find an area to reduce and transfer money to the Health Fund.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglund to transfer \$500.00 from the General Fund to the Health Fund. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

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

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

13) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – There are 6 to be shut off this month if payments aren't made by the 25th.

14) Old Business

a) Building Inspector – Tom has handouts for what he has come up with for us to use as our permit and fee schedule. If we decide to go with Sid from Lakes Country there will be a plan review fee for home plans. We met with Lakes Country and they would charge the same as we paid Roland \$375.00 per month, 60% of the permit fees and they will get the entire plan review fee. We will be required to do the quarterly state forms.

A MOTION was made by Burl Ingebretsen to go with Lakes Country for our Building Inspector replacing Steve Schroeder who we had initially chosen. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

Bob will contact Steve and let him know we decided to go with Lakes Country.

15) New Business

a) Crowbar Temporary Liquor License August 15th – The Crowbar would like a liquor license for the street dance.

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the liquor license for the Crowbar pending state approval. It was 2nd by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

b) Propane Tank Regulators – Petro Serve called and told Wendy that we need to replace the regulators on the community center And Rescue Squad tanks. The cost would be \$175.00 for parts and \$120.00 for labor each. The council feels that the cost is high and will look into other cost options for replacing them. Burl will check it out.

16) Commissioner Reports

a) Health – Adam Jenstead – Adam would like Aaron to be out spraying more often.

b) Weeds – Bob Dablow – Bob has been out spraying.

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

d) Fire District - Bob Dablow – There was no meeting since the last council meeting.

e) Rescue Squad- Shelley Poehls – There was no meeting in July. Elmwood Township has not responded yet as to if they want to continue to be covered by the Rescue Squad. Bob will contact Elmwood Township to ask what they plan on doing.

f) Parks – Adam Jenstead – The concession stand will be closed until the Dickelman tournament September 9th. Softball season is about done and there are bleachers with broken

brackets on diamonds 1 & 2.

g) Recycling – Burl Ingebretsen – Amanda is doing a good job. There are issues with people dropping off recycling before the center opens, Burl will contact the resident responsible.

h) Streets – Burl Ingebretsen – The patches should be done early next week.

i) Street Lights – A resident asked Burl about replacing a street light, but the light in question is just burnt out not gone. Wendy informed the council that if there is a light out all that needs to be done is either contact Wendy with the location information or call Xcel and it will be fixed.

ii) Problem Property – Burl previously spoke to a home owner about some issues that need to be taken care of, but they have not yet been cleaned up. Bob will send a letter to the home owner.

i) Zoning – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

17) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 8-19-14