

Minutes
April 21, 2015
General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:00PM.

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

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Norm Nyland, Aaron Mayry, Randy Schmidt, Dean Birkland, Eric Blum, Dave Coon, Chad Rosdahl, Chad Byram, Carmen Hutchins and Richard Schenck.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – March 17, 2015

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to approve the general meeting minutes for March 17, 2015. It was 2nd by Tom Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

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

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – Not present to report.

6) Amendments to Agenda – Benefit on May 3, 2015 added as 15) b.

7) Citizens concerns – Eric Blum is concerned about the fire damaged home on 2nd st. The city cannot take any action until after the 21st of May, because of the legal issues at the home. Tom has also been looking into this after the 21st of May to proceed, we would then have to contact the homeowner and give them time to clean it up. If the homeowner doesn't take care of it we would then as a city be able to take care of it at the expense of the city. As far as what the city can do it may take a year or more, but citizens are able to pursue the matter against the homeowner civilly if they choose. Carmen Hutchins is also here about the damaged homes on that block. There are many homes in town that are in disrepair and littered with things in the yards. The council has talked with the building inspector and are working on cleaning up these areas, again the citizens are able to go after the homeowners civilly if they choose.

11) a) 2014 Audit moved up - Dean Birkland from Carlson Highland came in to go over the audit with the council. There were no surprises everything went well this year.

8) Maintenance Department – Aaron Mayry – The pond pump is set and running. Aaron has not contacted Chad about the park sign yet. Aaron has also checked into replacing the ceiling tiles in the community center, but the cost will be around \$1,500.00. He has been working on getting the tractor running and cleaning out plugged drains. Last month the council approved replacing the fountain in the pond at a cost of \$700.00, Aaron has not purchased one yet because he thinks a fountain with an aerator would be better for our pond and the cost is a small amount more.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to change the approved cost for the fountain to \$800.00. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

There are a few projects in town that Aaron will need a lift at a \$300.00 a week rental fee to

work on, so he would like to set aside time this summer for those projects. Aaron met with Eric at Sanitation Products about a street sweeper at a cost of \$22,000.00, because Aaron thinks it would be beneficial to the city to own a sweeper. The city does not have the money at this time to purchase a sweeper. Bob would like Aaron to look into the cost of hiring a service to come in to clean the streets.

9) Water Department – Norm Nyland – 829,000 gallons were pumped last month. The elevator meter has been tested and is working properly, the software has been updated to read it correctly as well, but it won't be installed until we are out of the freezing window. We have a hydrant that had been leaking, the leak has been stopped, but the hydrant will need replacing. Norm talked with Dan Portlock and with someone from Kinetico, he wants to get ahead on maintenance. Recently Tom and Bob met with Aaron on the water job. Aaron informed them he did not want to continue working in the water area. Tom and Bob have also met with a few people interested in training for the water/wastewater positions, so we have somebody to take over when Norm retires. We have 10 hours per week at \$13.65 per hour budgeted at this time for water. Tom and Bob would like to move forward at this time with these people and get approval to pay them starting at \$20.00 per hour.

A MOTION was made by Burl Ingebretsen to hire two people to start training for 2 to 4 hours per week at \$20.00 per hour. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

10) Sewer Department – Norm Nyland – 744,000 gallons pumped to the lagoons last month. Norm will be testing in the next few weeks to see if we will be doing a spring discharge. There are manhole surveys in the packets and work will be done on what we need to fix this year. There were 2 manholes in town that had been filling up and JetWay came in to clean them out today. The cost for more of the GIS mapping will be around \$7,000.00, we may have to wait until next year before we put more cost into that project.

11) Treasurers Report – Looked over.

12) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims – Were looked over. \$814.71 for Lakes Country Service Co-op was added to the claims.

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

13) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – There are 2 to be shut off this month if payments aren't made by the 25th.

14) Old Business

a) FM Crusaders Garage Lease – The lease was looked over by the Crusaders president and signed.

b) Weed Ordinance – We will look at this next month.

15) New Business

a) Dust Control – Dick Klug asked if the city would help with the dust control again this year at a cost of \$100.00.

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to pay Dick Klug \$100.00 for the dust control. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

b) Benefit on May 3rd – The group holding the benefit has requested use of the Community Center at no charge.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to let them use the Community Center at no charge as long as they take care of all of the clean up afterward. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

16) Commissioner Reports

a) Health – Adam Jenstead – Aaron has been ordering chemicals. Adam would like to look into training others to be able to run the sprayer.

b) Weeds – Bob Dablow – Nothing to report.

c) Emergency Management Director – Randy Schmidt – There will be a siren update in 2017 and it should cost \$300.00 at that time.

d) Fire District - Bob Dablow – No meeting last month.

e) Rescue Squad - Drew Schwan – Minutes were looked over. The members have not been as plentiful as hoped and if the Rescue squad does not get some more people joining up we may need to check into joining with the Fire District and becoming a combined Fire & Rescue department. The city will talk about this and look into it. The city will also have to meet with the township on this issue. A big issue coming up will be the radio upgrade at a cost of around \$78,000.00, which there are no grants for the Rescue Squad.

f) Parks – Adam Jenstead – Softball sign up was last week. There has been no word yet from the church on working the concession stand. The Lion's donated \$500.00 to Sabin Youth Softball.

g) Recycling – Burl Ingebretsen – Everything is going smoothly. There is some talk that the county may start accepting oil and filters in the future.

h) Streets – Burl Ingebretsen – Crack sealing was discussed last fall and Tom will get some work on that scheduled. Burl will again request that the county put a four way stop on Hwy 52.

i) Zoning – Tom Berglind – There is nothing out of the ordinary, a few permits have been issued. Also, working on making some changes to the city nuisance ordinance, it will cost the city some money, but it needs to be done.

17) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 5-19-15