

Minutes
June 16, 2015
General Meeting

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

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

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Norm Nyland, Dave Overbo and Richard Schenck.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – May 19, 2015

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to approve the general meeting minutes for May 19, 2015. It was 2nd by Drew Schwan 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 – none.

7) Citizens concerns – Dean at the Crowbar has a complaint about the long grass at the home behind the bar. Bob will contact the realtor about the long grass at the unoccupied home behind the Crowbar.

14) Old Business - moved up.

a) **4 Way Stop** – Dave Overbo from the county highway department came in to talk with the council about why a 4 way stop will not be added in Sabin. Based on engineering studies the area the city wants a 4 way stop added does not meet the criteria, but there are other options for the area. If the city wants the county will add crosswalks including signs and painting the streets and it would not cost the city any money. The city could also add lighted crosswalk signs for \$2,800.00 to \$3,200.00 and the county would pay for half of that cost. The county will also look at adding sidewalks along the county roads in the city. The council also asked about painting the parking spaces on Main Street, the county isn't going to paint in parking spaces along Main anymore. The city would like to paint in the parking spaces and asked that the county paints them in and charges the city for the cost. The city at this time will take the county up on the offer to put in crosswalk signs and paint the crosswalks on the street and look at adding lighted signs later if the council decides they are needed.

8) Maintenance Department – Aaron Mayry – Not present to report.

A MOTION was made by Burl Ingebretsen at 7:29PM to recess the general meeting to hold the variance meeting. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried. The general meeting resumed at 7:33PM.

9) Water Department – Norm Nyland – 1.078 million gallons were pumped last month. June will be a big month for water use, with hydrant flushing and elevator water use. We will start

billing the elevator monthly at \$15.00 per 1,000 gallons for the bulk water that we used to bill the farmer directly for. Norm had worked with Moore engineering on some water clarity issues, Norm made some adjustments and the clarity is very good now. The hydrant flushing is done and there were only 2 hydrants that had a lot of build up the others came clear very quickly. Norm is working on training the 2 new hires. Randall's should be coming out soon to fix the hydrant by the lift station.

10) Sewer Department – Norm Nyland – 1.524 million gallons pumped to the lagoons last month, with 7.29 inches of rain. The WINS survey has been signed and sent in. Key took care of some road patch work as well as 7 manhole repairs. The discharge is done and the ponds are at good levels. Bill Hughes was out today and did a survey and the pump is in good shape. The work release crew did a good job trimming around the lagoons. Norm also asked Bill Carr to trap the muskrats out by the pond again this year.

11) Treasurers Report – Looked over.

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

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 8 to be shut off this month if payments aren't made by the 25th.

14) Old Business – discussed earlier.

15) New Business

a) Trinity Lutheran Church Sump Pump – Aaron had emailed Tom about the sump pump, they have issues with running it outside, it seems to be ruining the road and they would like to run it indoors into the sanitary. Running it into the sanitary would be a bigger issue and in violation of our ordinance. The church may need to trench the line to a ditch at their own cost. The council at this time recommends they run it to the south through the parking lot into the park area. Tom will respond to the request.

b) Erosion on Pond Bank – Bob and Drew have both noticed the erosion and Bob will talk to Fitzgeralds about what can be done about it. Rip rap is probably the way to go. We will look at it again next month.

c) Lions Liquor License for Harvest Days – The Lions are requesting a temporary license for August 14th and 15th for Harvest Days.

A MOTION was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve the temporary license for Harvest Days. It was 2nd by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.

d) Crowbar Street Dance June 19th – The Crowbar would like to use the Community Center for the street dance they are having June 19th because it is supposed to rain that night. The council approved letting them use it for the regular rental fee and if it is not cleaned up after we will charge them an hourly cleaning fee.

16) Commissioner Reports

a) Health – Adam Jenstead – Mosquitoes are out and Aaron has been spraying regularly. Adam does get a lot of residents complaining that they would like the city to spray more often.

b) Weeds – Bob Dablow – Bob has identified 2 noxious weeds by the lagoons and is

working on keeping them down with regular spraying.

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

d) Fire District - Bob Dablow – There was a meeting last night after months of no meetings. Minutes and financials are in the packets. The new radios were discussed.

e) Rescue Squad - Drew Schwan – Minutes were looked over. Becky Nyland stepped down from the Rescue Squad after many years of service. The Rescue Squad is working on a grant for reflective vests. Some Rescue Squad members along with Bob attended the Elmwood Township meeting and they have paid their joint powers for the year. The city and township are still looking into combining the Fire and Rescue and will continue working on it with all involved.

f) Parks – Adam Jenstead – Parks are looking good. Softball and T-ball are half over for the season. Adam would like to add some trim to the tops of the fencing in the park. We may need to add agriline next year. The Harry Buth sign has not been replaced yet.

g) Recycling – Burl Ingebretsen – Burl would like to get rid of the old sweeper brushes and wants Aaron to haul the bulbs out for recycling.

h) Streets – Burl Ingebretsen – The crack sealing is done, more than anticipated had been done, about 1/3 of the city.

i) Zoning – Tom Berglind – Bob and Tom met with Sid and he is on board to do the inspections at the homes the council feels need work. There are 6 or 7 that have been identified to start with.

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 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 7-21-15