

Minutes
May 17, 2016
General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bob Dablow at 7:01PM.

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

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Aaron Mayry, Norm Nyland, Dean Birkeland, Dan Hanson, Kelly Rott, Mark Flannery, Steve Busse, Shawn Ostlie, Brian Edwards and Steve Schnider.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – April 19, 2016

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglund to approve the general meeting minutes for April 19, 2016. It was 2nd by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

4) City Attorney – Zenas Baer – Not present to report. We did receive a letter to demo a house and add the costs to the property owners taxes from Zenas for one of the homeowners to sign that had previously agreed to the demo.

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – Dan will set up a pre-construction meeting for the seal coat project.

6) Amendments to Agenda –

7) Citizens concerns – We have had more complaints about loose dogs and cats in town, animals are supposed to be licensed also, on a leash unless on the pet owners property. Bob will put a notice in the area update. We have also had some concerns about kids throwing rocks in the pond.

8) Maintenance Department – Aaron Mayry – Aaron has been working on spaying weeds around the pond, cutting down branches in the park and other general duties. Adam reminded Aaron to put the cover on the fence in the park.

9) Water Department – Norm Nyland – 776,000 gallons were pumped last month. Norm plans to start flushing hydrants on Monday. Norm and Wendy had 2 Wellhead Protection meetings this month with the Department of Health.

10) Sewer Department – Norm Nyland – 1,082,000 gallons pumped to the lagoons last month. We had 2.49 inches of rain. Hughes did the annual service work, we need to replace some chains and guide rails due to wear. Xcel is not getting us adequate power to the lift station. The spring discharge is done. Norm hasn't heard from Key yet on the manholes.

11) Treasurers Report – Looked over.

a) 2015 Audit Report – Dean Birkeland from Carlson Highland went over the audit report with the council, everything went well this year.

12) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims – Were looked over. The bill for the 2015 audit from Carlson Highland was added to the Claims for \$9,200.00.

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

13) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – There are 4 to be shut off this month if payments aren't made by the 25th.

14) Old Business

a) Bayer Crop Science – The intent for the land is to build a long term facility for soybean and wheat trials. There was a site plan handed out to the council. There are no fire prevention sprinklers planned at this time, Tom looked into it and none are required. Bayer is waiting to see if the city will be vacating the platted streets on the land before they purchase the property. A petition by the homeowners to vacate the streets is also on the agenda.

b) Sabin Post Office – Nothing new at this time.

15) New Business

a) Church Welcome Sign – The Pastor at the Lutheran Church would like to along with the Catholic Church put up a welcome sign coming into town. Tom believes they would need to contact the County, because the area they would like to put the sign is a county right of way. The City approves if they get the OK from the County.

b) Liquor License – Brad Fitzgerald and Kurt Krabbenhoft are buying the Crowbar and require approval for a yearly liquor license.

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the yearly liquor license for the Crowbar & Grill. It was 2nd by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.

c) Petition to Vacate Streets – The owners of the land that Bayer is interested in purchasing has sent in a petition to vacate the platted roadways on the property. We will hold a public hearing on June 7th at 7:00PM to discuss the issue. The costs of the public hearing will be charged to Bayer Crop Science by way of Archer Real Estate.

d) City Lawn Mower – The mower which is over 10 years old, broke down on Sunday, the estimate to repair is \$6,000.00 and a new one would be about twice as much. Tom suggests we research a few mowers.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to approve up to \$12,000.00 to purchase a new mower. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

e) Mail Balloting – Some Cities and small towns are now allowed to do mail balloting, we qualify if we'd like to switch to that. We would no longer have a polling place for residents to vote at, it would be all mail ballots. There was some discussion on how residents may feel about it, so for this election year we will hold elections as usual, but we will look into preferences of voters to see if they would be agreeable to mail balloting in the future.

16) Commissioner Reports

a) Health – Adam Jenstead – Nothing to report.

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

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

d) Fire District - Bob Dablow – No meeting since our last City meeting.

e) Rescue Squad - Drew Schwan – Nothing to report. We will combine this topic with Fire District for future meetings.

f) Parks – Adam Jenstead – The Jiffy Jon's need to be ordered for the park. Softball has started.

g) Recycling – Burl Ingebretsen – going well.

h) Streets – Burl Ingebretsen – Nothing to report.

i) Zoning – Tom Berglind – Sid will be in town a week from Thursday and will be knocking on doors of those we are working on the administrative search warrants for.

18) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 6-21-16