

Minutes
February 19, 2019
General Meeting

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

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

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Doug Smith, Mike Kurkowski, Jayme Paquin and Dan Hanson.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – January 15, 2019

A MOTION was made by Drew Schwan to approve the general meeting minutes for January 15, 2019. It was 2nd by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

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

a) **Hazardous Properties** – Zenas sent letters to the City on the properties we are working on with what the next steps are.

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – We talked last month about the LRIP program funding for this year and still do not feel the city has the funds to cover the city share for a project this year.

A MOTION was made by Tom Berglind to table this issue indefinitely. It was 2nd by Lloyd Helgeson and the motion carried.

6) Amendments to Agenda –

7) Citizens Concerns – Jayme Paquin owns the General Store building and is asking the council to discontinue sewer and garbage service to the building as it is unoccupied. Commercial accounts for unoccupied buildings may be able to discontinue garbage service if Fuchs Sanitation is contacted and willing to remove charges to that building for the city bill. Wendy will call Fuchs Sanitation tomorrow and contact the Paquins when she gets the answer from them. The council will look into the sewer charges, but we typically do not remove them even for commercial accounts.

8) Old Business

a) **Kitchen Hood System** – Adam requested another quote for the parts and was told that the quote from last year should be the same amount for this year \$13,975.00. Mike has a quote for labor for \$13,250.00. We would like the parts and labor people to come to the next meeting to get a clear quote amount, so we can get this project done this year.

9) New Business

a) **Lions Liquor License March 9, 2019** – **A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to approve the Lions liquor license for the Stag on March 9th in the Community Center. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried. Adam Jenstead abstained.

b) **Lions Liquor License April 6, 2019** – **A MOTION** was made by Lloyd Helgeson to

approve the Lions liquor license for the Fire Stag on April 6th in the Fire Hall. It was 2nd by Drew Schwan and the motion carried. Adam Jenstead abstained.

c) Mayor 2/4 Year Terms – There has been a lot of talk on the Mayors List Serve about the length of Mayors terms, so Bob just wanted to bring it to the attention of the Council.

d) Small Cities Grant Items – Tom Berglind read a memo by Mayor Bob Dablow about his interest in utilizing the program. There are no concerns by the City Council on this matter.

The council also looked over the conflict of interest worksheet explaining what the Mayor will have to do to qualify for the program.

10) Maintenance Department – Doug Smith – Doug has mainly been working on snow removal so far.

11) Water/Sewer Department – Mike Kurkowski – The water plant is running very well and the aerator for the sewer ponds should be here in the next few months. Mike helped Doug put a trailer together, we just need plywood for it. Tom has not had time to look at the contract for Mike yet.

a) MPCA email – The MPCA wants to know if we can comply with new parameters for our sewer ponds. The MPCA had been sending the information to Norm instead of Mike. Mike believes he has already spoken to the MPCA about this matter and that we should be able to comply, but he will contact them again to see if there are other questions.

A MOTION was made by Bob Dablow to authorize Dan Hanson to work with Mike Kurkowski to get this matter taken care of. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

12) Treasurers Report – We are still waiting for the audit to be completed before we can switch over to 2019 in our system. The auditors will be here at the end of the month.

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

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

14) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – There are 8 to be shut off this month if payments aren't made by the 25th.

15) Commissioner Reports

a) Health – Adam Jenstead – Bob is checking into aerial spraying costs.

b) Weeds – Bob Dablow – Nothing to report.

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

d) Fire & Rescue – Bob Dablow – Minutes and financials were looked over. The FD received 2 grants for equipment. There are also 2 new firefighters in the district.

e) Parks – Adam Jenstead – Nothing to report.

f) Recycling – Lloyd Helgeson – Nothing to report.

g) Streets – Tom Berglind – Sanding needs to be done more often.

h) Zoning – Tom Berglind – 2 lots have been sold, so there may be some new homes being built soon.

16) Adjournment

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to adjourn. It was 2nd by Lloyd Helgeson and the

motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 3.19.19