

Minutes

March 16, 2021
General Meeting

1) The meeting was called to order by Council Member Tom Berglind at 7:03PM.

a) Council Members present were Mayor Bob Dablow, Tom Berglind, Drew Schwan, Adam Jenstead and Toran Thornton.

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Mike Kurkowski, Mike Bednar and Dan Hanson.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – February 16, 2021

A MOTION was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the general meeting minutes for February 16, 2021. It was 2nd by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

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

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – The polyphosphates addition to the water plant project costs estimates are \$31,800.00 for construction including Sweeney updating the computer software, \$15,500.00 for engineering for plans and permitting and \$10,800.00 for the construction phase. A total project cost of \$58,100.00 at the high end for the project.

A MOTION was made by Drew Schwan to move forward with the polyphosphate addition project. It was 2nd by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

Moore Engineering will have plans for the Department of Health ready within a month, we hope to have State approval by mid May for bid approval at the June meeting. We would like the project completed by the end of the summer.

We had talked about switching the media in the plant from a ceramic media to a green sand, but the plant production is too fast for the sand at this time. Mike is going to try slowing down the production time to see if we can continue with the ceramic media and see better clarity. We will try this change for a month to see if there is any improvement.

6) Amendments to Agenda – none.

7) Citizens Concerns – Mike Bednar is interested in purchasing the property at 100 4th Ave W and putting a storage building on the property. The property is zoned residential, so he would need either a variance or conditional use permit for a storage building with no home on the property. Tom will contact the county to see which whether he would need a variance or conditional use permit. The property owner will need to submit a request to the city for the permit or variance, letters will need to be mailed to all property owners within 350 feet of the property and a public hearing will need to be held.

8) Old Business

a) Small Cities Grant Items – Nothing new to report.

b) Comprehensive Plan Update – Nothing new to report.

c) Land Rent – Nothing new to report.

d) Savings Account or CDs – We will ask the bank to bring in info in May to make a decision.

9) New Business

10) Maintenance Department – Doug Smith – The city truck is not compatible with the sander, it was put in the larger truck and used this past winter, but it really is too large and heavy for it and the small mosquito truck does not run well at all. We really need a larger truck for sanding, we can use the current truck for the mosquito sprayer and get rid of the small dodge. Tom will look into a low mileage truck that can handle the weight of the sander.

A MOTION was made by Bob Dablow to allocate up to \$25,000.00 for a city truck. It was 2nd by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

The light at the park can be shut off and the skating rink needs to be taken down.

11) Water/Sewer Department – Mike Kurkowski – The plant is running OK, but Mike is still working on the manganese problem which was discussed under City Engineer earlier tonight. Mike turned on the pump to pump down the storm water pond. Mike plans to flush hydrants the end of next week.

a) **DMR report** – will be done this week.

b) **Water Tower Painting** – Dewey at KLM said painting the whole tower is the way to go, blast and coat it. Mike will request a written comment about our tower for next months meeting.

12) Treasurers Report – Looked over.

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

A MOTION was made by Drew Schwan to approve the claims. It was 2nd by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

14) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues – We will look over the list on the 26th to see which are still behind for shut offs.

15) Commissioner Reports

a) **Health** – Toran Thornton – Nothing to report.

b) **Weeds** – Bob Dablow – Not present to report.

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

d) **Fire & Rescue** - Bob Dablow – The compressor is being installed today.

e) **Parks** – Adam Jenstead – The agrilime has been delivered. We will look into new park equipment, we may need to change into a rubber filler instead of pea rock. The benches still need work.

f) **Recycling** – Toran Thornton – Running well.

g) **Streets** – Tom Berglind – Tom will ask the county about work on County 52.

h) **Zoning** – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

16) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 4-20-2021