

## Minutes

August 17, 2021

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 and Toran Thornton. Tom Berglind was unable to attend.

**b)** Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Doug Smith, Zenas Baer, Mike Kurkowski, Cavin Berube and Dan Hanson.

**2) The Pledge of Allegiance** was said.

**3) Previous Minutes**

**a)** General Meeting – July 20, 2021

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to approve the general meeting minutes for July 20, 2021. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

**4) City Attorney** – Zenas Baer – There is a court date set for September 21<sup>st</sup> for the eviction at 12 Main St.

**5) City Engineer** – Dan Hanson – On August 7<sup>th</sup> we received 2 bids for the green sand conversion pilot study, WesTech \$57,983 and Tonka Water \$23,000. moore engineering recommends Tonka Water for the project with the lowest responsible bid. We need to coordinate with Fitzgerald Construction for a forklift the day the equipment arrives. Adam is wondering if replacing the current media would solve out problems instead of converting to green sand at nearly 1 million dollars, Dan believes the the green sand would make a huge difference in our water, but there are no guarantees it will fix our problems. For the \$23,000 cost of the pilot study the council is interested in doing it to see if the green sand will make enough of a difference in our water to make the million dollar cost worth it. We will not decide on conversion until after we get the pilot study results.

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to approve the pilot study with Tonka Water for \$23,000. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

Dan also informed the council that he is spread too thin at moore engineering and was told he needed to give up being the lead contact at some of the smaller cities which unfortunately includes Sabin. Cavin Berube will now be our main contact at moore engineering.

**6) Amendments to Agenda** – none.

**7) Citizens Concerns** – none.

**8) Old Business**

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

**b) Comprehensive Plan Update** – Bob is working on it and will need help.

**c) Community Center Furnace** – We have a proposal from Home Heating for \$51,820.00, electrical work is not included. Tom has 2 others coming in for proposals next week and we will hold a special meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to make a decision.

**9) New Business**

**a) Proposed Tax Levy** – As usual we will increase it from last years final levy of

\$153,000 by 10% and work on lowering it during budgeting.

**A MOTION** was made by Toran Thornton to adopt a resolution setting the proposed tax levy at \$168,300 for the general levy. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

**b) American Recovery Plan Funding** – Tom has requested the funds for the city and we should be getting around \$29,000.00.

**c) Road Repair Funds** – We have gotten \$8,000 in state funds this year and will get an additional \$8,000 either late this year or middle of 2022. We also have about \$16,000 in unused wheelage funds.

**10) Maintenance Department** – Doug Smith – Not too much going on. The fountain is hitting the bottom in the pond due to low water. Doug will replace the plywood on the concession stand before the Dickelman Tournament on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The holes in the park will be filled as well.

**11) Water/Sewer Department** – Mike Kurkowski – We have to re-do the lead and copper samples due to sample #20 missing. Mike will contact Joe Braun at the MPCA.

**12) Treasurers Report** – Looked over.

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

**A MOTION** was made by Adam Jenstead to approve the claims. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

**14) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues** – There are 8 on the shut off list at this time.

#### **15) Commissioner Reports**

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

**b) Weeds** – Bob Dablow – The park and ponds were sprayed.

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

**d) Fire & Rescue** - Bob Dablow – The Fire District is ready for Harvest Days.

**e) Parks** – Adam Jenstead – The Dickelman tournament is on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

**f) Recycling** – Toran Thornton – Nothing to report.

**g) Streets** – Tom Berglind – Tom has someone coming out next week to look at the streets for needed repairs.

**h) Zoning** – Tom Berglind – Not present to report.

#### **16) Adjournment**

**A MOTION** was made by Adam Jenstead to adjourn. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 9-21-2021

