

## Minutes

October 19, 2021

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, Adam Jenstead, Toran Thornton and Drew Schwan.

**b)** Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Mike Kurkowski, Cavin Berube, Tyrel Clark, Aaron Stenerson, Haleigh Krieger, Calyn Kenyon, Ashli Albrecht, Robbie Fuson, Gina Fuson, Art Escobar and Dustin Novacek.

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

### **3) Previous Minutes**

**a)** General Meeting – September 21, 2021

**A MOTION** was made by Drew Schwan to approve the general meeting minutes for September 21, 2021. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

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

**5) City Engineer** – Cavin Berube – The green sand pilot study will be wrapping up this week. The preliminary results from the pilot study show arsenic, iron and manganese as nearly undetectable after being filtered. We are doing a few different types of run time before backwash studies with the green sand and should have final study numbers by the next meeting. Well #2 has very high iron and we have only been running off Well #3 since January. The council thought we had been alternating Wells, but this is not the case. Mike is working on remedies for the iron issues in Well #2. The hope is with treatment Well #2 can be cleared up, worst case Well #2 would be sealed and we would need to add another Well. Cavin, based on the study thus far, advises we move forward with the green sand conversion. Best case it would be next fall for project completion. Manganese is not regulated by the state, but they did contact the City about high manganese and asked that we continue to work on lowering the manganese on our water. The state is aware of all we are working on and we are not the only City they contacted regarding high manganese. Tyrel explained to residents in attendance what is going on with the water plant filtering system, the current ceramic media we have been using is over 15 years old and was experimental at the time we installed the water plant, the cost to replace it may be around \$56,000.00, but we do not know how difficult it will be to find and if it will help with the high manganese issues we are currently experiencing. The green sand media is a more widely used filter system and is readily available when replacement is needed, the problem with converting is that our filter tanks are not compatible with the green sand, so we would need to replace the tanks in the plant and to do so at current compacity cost looks to be around \$780,000.00, expanding for future growth would be \$940,000.00. Tyrel is also planning to talk with vendors to try to lower the final costs on converting to green sand. Council asked Tyrel to find out if we can get some of the ceramic media to refresh what we are currently using to see if it filters the water better than the 15 year old media we have now. A resident asked if we could cut out the engineering company to save money and the answer is no, based on the size of the project we are required to have an engineer and without them we would be much further behind than we are now.

**A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to move ahead with the design process to convert to the green sand media in the water plant. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

**6) Amendments to Agenda – none.**

**7) Citizens Concerns –** Again the council was asked about opening the community center for people to walk in the winter. We would need an employee to monitor the building and lock up each night. The resident interested offered to oversee the the community center for the open walking nights. We will check with our insurance company to see if there are any problems that may arise if we were to let a non-employee be responsible for the nightly walk supervision.

**8) Old Business**

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

**b) Comprehensive Plan Update –** Nothing new to report.

**c) Community Center Sidewalk –** Bob contacted Key Contracting and the project was completed yesterday.

**d) Community Center Remodel –** Aaron Stenerson came in to update the council on the final project cost \$95,764.00 down from \$112,750.00. The remodel will start on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**9) New Business**

**a) Office Carpet & Community Center Cleaning –** The carpet in the office is ripped and should be replaced. We should also hire someone to professionally clean the community center after the remodel has finished.

**b) City Insurance Agent –** Fred Dickelman is retiring and has suggested his son John to be our agent after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Fred will speak to John for us to see if he is interested in taking over for Fred if we would like.

**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to work with John Dickelman as our insurance agent. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Jenstead and the motion carried.

**c) Garbage Rates –** There will be a rate increase at the landfill after January 1<sup>st</sup>, so Fuchs is increasing garbage rates to cover the landfill increase. We will have to raise garbage rates during budgeting to cover the higher cost.

**d) Benefit in Community Center October 30<sup>th</sup> –** Those hosting the Rita Dickelman benefit are requesting to use the community center free of charge for the benefit, they will do all of the clean up afterwards.

**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to approve the rent free use of the community center for the Rita Dickelman benefit. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Toran Thornton and the motion carried.

**e) Lion's/Harvest Days items in & around Community Center –** Things are not being put away and cleaned up after use by the clubs. There was a disgusting food clogged sink after a recent event that was left and went unnoticed for days that Bob had to clean out. From now on things will be cleaned up and put away after each use of the community center.

**10) Maintenance Department –** Doug Smith – Not present to report. If Doug is still unavailable after the benefit on the 30<sup>th</sup>, we may need some council members to come in and clear things out of the storage area in the community center before the November 1<sup>st</sup> remodel starts.

**11) Water/Sewer Department –** Mike Kurkowski – Mike felt there was some confusion at the start of the pilot study, he was not given specific expectations for what would be required of him by the company running the study, but it was dealt with quickly. There was a part failure

that caused water to spill into the plant and damage some lighting, Mike will get the lights repaired. Mike wants to start flushing hydrants next week and do them at night. The chlorine had been adjusted because a resident contacted the state and someone from the state called Mike and asked if it could be adjusted. The adjustment has not worked out well for the entire city and will be re-adjusted to what is best for the city instead of the benefit to one home. Lead/copper samples will be done again next week, they are due by the end of the year, but must be sent in within 10 days of the sample date. The water tower cleaning was not done due to high water level in the tower. They will be back the first part of November to do the cleaning and want someone from the city present. There is a gauge in the plant that needs to be replaced, Mike will get it taken care of. Drew asked Mike for a time-frame on the replacement of the damaged gauge and the tower cleaning, his concern is that things don't get put off and get done as soon as possible. Mike still believes someone is going into the water plant and not being seen on camera or triggering the alarm. Tom asked Mike to contact him immediately if he thinks someone has been there so Tom can check the camera feeds.

**a) DMR Report** – Due on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

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

**A MOTION** was made by Tom Berglind to approve the claims. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drew Schwan and the motion carried.

**14) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues** – There are 15 on the shut off list at this time.

**15) Commissioner Reports**

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

**b) Weeds** – Bob Dablow – Dave's Spray Service has been out and the ponds look good.

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

**d) Fire & Rescue** - Bob Dablow – They are looking into replacing a rescue rig.

**e) Parks** – Adam Jenstead – The park is looking good.

**f) Recycling** – Toran Thornton – Thanks to all who have been helping out in the center while Doug has been away.

**g) Streets** – Tom Berglind – The crack seal company wants Tom to drive around and look at trouble spots, but he has been busy, Bob will try to help Tom out.

**h) Zoning** – Tom Berglind – Tom is getting caught up on permits.

**16) Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

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Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 11-16-21

