

Minutes

November 16, 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, Doug Smith, Dan Hanson, Tyrel Clark, Pat Anderson, Channon Anderson, Calyn Kenyon, Anton Albrecht, Scott Olson, Sandy Rehder, Nancy Boughton, Kelan Boughton and Dustin Novacek.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – October 19, 2021

A MOTION was made by Drew Schwan to approve the general meeting minutes for October 19, 2021. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

4) City Attorney – Zenas Baer – Not present to report. Zenas is having the court judgment served on the owners of the building at 6 Main St by the Sheriff's Department, as they did not pick up the certified letter.

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – We asked Dan last week to type up a memo to hand out to residents explaining what we are working on in the water plant which he did. Tyrel's group has begun the design phase of the green sand conversion and he handed out plans with different set up options. The council looked over the plans and chose their preferred set up option. Tyrel was asked to find out if we are able to get some of the macrolight to change out our current media to see if there are any improvements while we are working on the green sand conversion. Tom had also contacted the City of Climax who has the same type of treatment plant we do, they are having the same issues as we are and are considering switching to North Dakota Rural water at a cost of 2 million dollars. The design plans for the green sand conversion will take until near the end of this year, we would like to submit them to the state in January or February of 2022 for state approval and advertise for bids in March or April. Dan is hopeful that the updated plant would be up and running by fall 2022. As far as payment for the update a 20 year general obligation bond is what we would likely use, we would also try to roll our current water plant bond into the new bond as not to raise rates with this update. Tom would like to hold a public information meeting sometime in January to update residents on the water plant. Our general meeting is on January 18th at 7:00 PM, so Dan suggested a public hearing on the same night at 6:00 PM. Mike has flushed well #3 and it cleared up after 40 minutes. There was a question of why water can be clear in one home but discolored in others, Mike said it is due to pipes in the home, softeners, filter systems and use in the area you live. Switching to the green sand will have clear water coming from the plant, but will take time to flush the system and have it consistent in the homes, continuing to flush hydrants regularly will make a difference as well.

6) Amendments to Agenda – 9) d) Reporting Deadlines was added to the agenda

7) Citizens Concerns –

8) Old Business

- a) **Small Cities Grant Items** – Nothing new to report.
- b) **Comprehensive Plan Update** – Nothing new to report.
- c) **Community Center Remodel** – The remodel is going well and we anticipate completion next week.

9) New Business

- a) **Damage to Ponds** – Doug and Bob burnt the pile out at the ponds and noticed people have been tearing up the grass around the ponds with 4 wheelers and other vehicles.
- b) **Budget Meeting Date** – We will hold a budget meeting on November 30th at 6:00 PM.
- c) **Lion's Temporary Liquor License December 11th Mixed Stag** –
A MOTION was made by Drew Schwan to approve the temporary liquor license request by the Sabin Lion's Club for the mixed stag on December 11th. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried. Adam Jenstead abstained.
- d) **Reporting Deadlines** – There have been instances of some reports getting submitted after the reporting deadlines and Tom would like a policy in place for all departments stating reports must be done 5 days before the due date.

10) Maintenance Department – Doug Smith – Doug and Bob removed the old pole in the park and burnt the pile at the ponds. Doug cleaned the city office after the ceiling replacement. The grey truck has been having some starting issues and Doug brought it in to be looked at yesterday.

11) Water/Sewer Department – Mike Kurkowski – As Mike mentioned earlier, he flushed well #3 and it is looking good. The clear well is scheduled for cleaning tomorrow, the broken gauge was fixed by Sweeney Controls with programming. A screen will be put on the overflow. The first 10 Lead/Copper samples will be sent in tomorrow and the other 10 will be done soon. Mike has been flushing hydrants and will continue flushing the rest. There is a low hydrant by Fitzgeralds Construction, Mike will get it raised. Tom will look for a new printer for the water plant. Tom thinks he can add a camera to the chemical room, as of now it is the only room not covered. Oxbow is interested in our old filter equipment after we switch over to the green sand, Mike thinks it would work for what they need it for. The bubbler is on and working. Mike has a bid for water tower painting \$86,000.00 for exterior painting, Tom would like to get a few more bids and the council would like to get it painted in the spring.

- a) **DMR Report** – It will be done Thursday.

12) Treasurers Report – Looked over.

13) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims – Were looked over. The crack sealing was done, but there were no repairs done to trouble spots, which will need repair in the spring. The handicap parking sign on the corner by the Community Center is missing and should be replaced.

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

14) Commissioner Reports

- a) **Health** – Toran Thornton – Nothing to report.
- b) **Weeds** – Bob Dablow – Bob has a report to submit to the county.

- c) **Emergency Management Director** – Randy Schmidt – Not present to report.
- d) **Fire & Rescue** - Bob Dablow – A new rescue truck will be purchased.
- e) **Parks** – Adam Jenstead – The ice rink will be set up weather depending. The Lion's have money set aside to purchase benches for the ball fields.
- f) **Recycling** – Toran Thornton – Doug has the center straightened up now that he is back in town.
- g) **Streets** – Tom Berglind – Discussed earlier.
- h) **Zoning** – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

15) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 12-21-21