

Minutes
April 19, 2022
General Meeting

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

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

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Norm Nyland, Dave Overbo, Justin Sorum and Dan Hanson.

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3) Previous Minutes

a) General Meeting – March 15, 2022

A MOTION was made by Drew Schwan to approve the general meeting minutes for March 15, 2022. It was 2nd by Tom Berglind and the motion carried.

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

5) City Engineer – Dan Hanson – The bids were opened this afternoon the lowest reasonable bid was from Swanberg Construction at \$992,700 for 2 filters and an additional \$125,000 for the 3rd filter. The project came in \$310,000 higher than anticipated for a total project cost of \$1,420,000. The completion date is set for May 30, 2023 at this time. We received approval from the state in the mail today for the water plant project. The water has been great the past few months, but we still need to change out the filters due to being unable to find replacement for the current media. Dan, Bob and Tom met with KLM about rehab work for the water tower. If we choose to rehab the water tower it will cost \$475,000, which according to KLM will extend the life of the water tower another 30 to 40 years.

A MOTION was made by Bob Dablow to award the water plant project bid to Swanberg Construction.

Dan will contact bonding agents to get started on that process, we will be looking at bonding 1.7 million dollars to cover the water plant filter and the water tower rehab projects.

6) Amendments to Agenda – none.

7) Citizens Concerns – none.

8) Old Business

a) Small Cities Grant Items – The final payment from DEED has come in and been sent to the Clay County HRA.

b) Comprehensive Plan Update – Nothing new to report.

c) Community Center Rental Agreement – Tom will work with Wendy on this and hopefully we will have something ready for next months meeting.

d) Possible Water/Wastewater Employees – Bob and Norm have spoken with 2 people interested in taking over the water plant, 1 already holds a class C license, the other is unlicensed. Tom thinks it's best to have a 2 person team to cover vacations and such. The interested parties should be met with to see what their expectations may be.

9) New Business

a) CSAH 52 Mill & Overlay in Sabin – The County will be doing a 3 phase project from I-94 through Sabin which is expected to take 4 weeks from the start. Bids will be opened on May 24th for this project and they are hoping to start in June, but may be in August. The planned detour of Cty 52 would be Cty 67. Council mentioned that Harvest Days will be held August 19th & 20th and the plan is to not interfere with that.

10) Maintenance Department – Not present to report. Toran will contact Doug to get the light in the community center replaced and look for street signs that need replacement.

11) Water/Sewer Department – Norm Nyland – 842,256 gallons of water were pumped from the plant last month and 1.85 million gallons were pumped to the ponds. Norm and Bob have been working in the water plant for 125 days now and many residents have contacted us on how much better the water is now. Bob is in the plant usually twice per day, sometimes more. We recently received a violation for arsenic samples from last year with samples dated 05/12/2021 19 ppb, 05/20/2021 25 ppb, 08/09/2021 12 ppb and 11/01/2021 19 ppb that were all above the maximum of 10.4 ppb. The samples taken thus far in 2022 are 02/07/2022 4.75 ppb, 02/24/2022 5 ppb, 03/09/2022 6.14 ppb and 04/04/2022 3.27 ppb, which shows we are well under the maximum levels. Lead/Copper samples are due again and bottles will be handed out for a Saturday pick up, so Bob can bring them in for sampling on Monday morning. Norm and Bob will begin the waste retention ponds discharge in 20 to 30 days, the water levels are very high at this time partly to do with the discharge not being done last fall. The city retention ponds will be discharged manually because the floats were not pulled last fall before freeze up and were damaged. Bill Hughes was contacted and floats are on order. The water plant and wastewater generators have been serviced and are back on a preventative maintenance schedule. Key Contracting will be coming out to complete a manhole inspection, so we can get back on track with a preventative maintenance schedule. Norm and Bob plan to begin flushing hydrants in the next few weeks and will let Tom and Drew know of the dates, so they are posted online. There is an issue with the alarm system in the plant no calling out when it is triggered, Bob will contact the company and get the call out numbers updated.

12) Treasurers Report – Looked over.

13) Receipts, Disbursements & Claims –

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

14) Commissioner Reports

a) Health – Adam Jenstead – Nothing to report.

b) Weeds – Bob Dablow – Nothing to report.

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

d) Fire & Rescue – Tom Berglind – Next Monday at 6:30 there will be Sky-warn training and all are welcome to attend.

e) Parks – Adam Jenstead – The planks on the T-ball benches should be replaced. The Lion's are planning to add 4 concrete pads and benches to the ball fields and the City should also add one to the basketball court area. Signs naming the ball fields Dickelman 1 & 2 will be added by the Lion's as well as trees if needed.

f) Recycling – Toran Thornton – Going well.

g) Streets – Drew Schwan – Some streets need repair, Doug will be asked to do

some patches for the time being. We may need to look into seal coating soon.

h) Zoning – Tom Berglind – Nothing to report.

15) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 5-17-22