

Minutes from Thursday May 11, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Tom Wardyn.

Roll call was taken with Council Members Jack Stone, Nathan McAlister Arnie Kesselring, & Brandon Patrick present. Absent was Council Member Heather Bielenberg. Gina Arnold, Clerk, LeeRoy Wagner, Michael McAlister, Don & Norma Olesen, Carla Hilgenberg, Jim Fehn, Linda Long, Bob Veenstra, and Clint Fichter present.

Minutes were read and approved.

Clint reported that no budget amendments were needed, and he has still been trying to find a time to get together with Mr. Brenny and Mr. Heck concerning the purchase of land for the waste water treatment lagoons. He discussed the possibility of assisting with the selling of some of the empty lots.

Bob Veenstra presented the council with maps and new land acquisition proposal. There will be a whole new lift station and he explained how the lagoons would work. Bob states he plans to be here for every council meeting unless there is a conflict.

Library report was given by Carla. She discussed the different programs and discussed the give a book, take a book program. Several locations were discussed that would be good to have the "book houses". Different ideas were presented on utilizing the memorial money gifted to the library. There was discussion about whether or not there was a conflict with having a Library board member that is a full time employee of the city.

There was discussion on what constitutes a permanent dwelling and building permits. This will be researched and discussed at the next meeting. Several building permits were discussed.

Ambulance report-none

Fire Department report- CPR training is needed, there was discussion on if the city would pay for it. Patrick made a motion to pay for CPR training, McAlister made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried. LeeRoy will get this set up.

The Mosquito contract was discussed. It will be posted on the web page when the spraying will be done. McAlister made the motion to approve and pay the mosquito contract. Patrick made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Water Sewer report was given by Michael McAlister. The water usage has increased with the usage from Landus. Electric pump was out and did some repairs. Water quality reports are done and will go out in the next billing statements. He has been helping LeeRoy.

Street report was given by LeeRoy Wagner. He has been getting the mowing done, working on the roads, ect. Working with Don and Michael on Water testing, & doing rounds. LeeRoy will get some cold patch, and painting street lines. LeeRoy will get the paint. LeeRoy discussed what it would take for him to get his water liscense through DMACC.

There have been a few issues with dogs running at large, and the need to have them caught and impounded. The options for this were discussed and will be looked into further.

LeeRoy gave a report on clean up days. It seemed that people made good use of the dumpsters supplied, however people left a lot of stuff on the curbs to be picked up.

Discussion and action on the claims. McAlister made a motion to approve the claims, Kesselring made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and action of the Waste Water Lagoon project. Kesselring made a motion to approve the claims, 2nd by McAlister, All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Financials were reviewed and discussed. McAlister made the motion to approve the financials, Kesselring made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried

Renewal of Sparky's Tobacco license was discussed. McAlister made the motion to approve the renewal, Stone made the 2nd. Kesselring was a nay, all others yea. Motion carried.

Mayor's report, Tom discussed the need to get the NIMS training done. Gina will talk to Bob Kempf about this.

Clerks report-none.

Patrick made a motion to adjourn, McAlister made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Next meeting Thursday June 8, 2023 @ 5:30 pm

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