

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Mayor Rock Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by present. Roll call was taken, and all members of the City Council were present. The minutes from the previous meetings were presented to the City Council. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 3rd meeting. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Minutes from February 10th Special Meeting were presented. Mary Lou Peace had two spelling corrections to the minutes. One in the second paragraph where the sentence states that Ken Harryman's paperwork was "pasted"...this should have read passed. The Second correction is under the 3 bullet points where the sentence states that, When the Laborer's are weed eating "they"...instead of the, must wear long pants. Travis Wood made the motion to approve the revised minutes. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved. The Mayor presented the evenings agenda. Under New Business Item F) Marshall Trailer Park and Item G) Cox Internet were added. Rob Lessen made the motion to approve the revised agenda. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Rock Anderson addressed the Employee Job Descriptions still in progress with the Office and Police Staff. This matter will be on the next agenda for Council to discuss. Rock also brought up the issue on Safety Sidewalks for our school system.

FINANCIAL ADVICE ON ELECTRIC SUBSTATION

Tony Stonerock with Community National Bank was present to help guide the City Council on a means to pay for the new electric substation that will cost somewhere around \$500,000.00. Tony brought up Lease Purchase Agreement; Bonds; and Temporary Notes. Tony gave his opinion to the City Council for \$500,000.00 they should go with the Lease Purchase which has no penalties and can be drawn up easily. Tony also handed out paperwork on a 10-year and 15-year Lease Purchase so the City Council could see the monthly as well as the yearly payment plan. Also, the expense of what a Bond or Temporary Note would cost the City was presented. Travis Wood made the motion to bid out to our two banks a 10-year Lease Purchase Agreement proposal for the next meeting. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Rock Anderson opened two bids that were received for the 1 year, \$100,000.00 C.D. Community National Bank bid. 1.67% Girard National Bank bid 1.46%

Dick Cleland made the motion to accept Community National Banks bid for 1.67%. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

GERRY WAYMAN'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Howard Camp presented Gerry Wayman's letter to the City Council. The letter stated that Gerry's last day would be March 23rd. Howard did state that Gerry would like to continue as a part-time employee with the City. Travis Wood made the motion to accept Gerry's letter of resignation. Ken Hartyman seconds the motion. All members except Rob Lessen voted yes. Rob voted no. The motion was approved. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to keep Gerry on as a part-time officer with the City. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved. Council members voiced their loss with Gerry leaving after 18 years of employment. Howard Camp also informed the City Council that Tommy Letwich has removed himself as a part-time officer with Arma.

REPLACEMENT OFFICER

Howard Camp reported that he did have a part-time officer who has the certification as well as many certificates of accomplishment willing to take the open position. This officer is requesting a salary of \$19,500 an hour as the new Assistant Police Chief. He will be able to start his position March 9th. Dick Cleland made the motion to hire Chris Wilson at \$19,500 an hour. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

PRIVATE CEMETERIES

Angela Meyer reported to the City Council on the issue from the previous week about a resident requesting to bury a family member in their backyard. Angela told the City Council about the research done by her and the City Clerk finally bringing this matter under the City Zoning regulations. That a Conditional Use Permit would need to be obtained as well as following County regulations of reestablishing the new private cemetery with the Register of Deeds. The owner determined that they did not have the time required so they dropped this issue. However, Angela presented a simple City Ordinance #627 that would handle any future situation should it arise. Rob Lessen made the motion to accept City Ordinance #627 for publication. Dick Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

CITY WIDE CLEANUP

Mary Lou Peace wants to make sure that this year the Utility Bill has the notification so the residents will be made aware. The date chosen to begin the cleanup is April 27th through May 1st. Mary Lou Peace made the motion to begin the cleanup on April 27th through May 1st and to have the residents notified on the Utility Bill. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

MARSHALL TRAILER PARK

Rock Anderson addressed a letter that he had received from Sue Marshall, the owner of the Marshall Trailer Park on the issue of flooding onto her property from the neighbor's pond to the south of her Park. Sue stated that besides erosion of the land there are rodents and snakes that come from the excess of water and she would like to see if a solution can be found to stop this problem. The pond belongs to John Melvin on W. Jefferson Bette

Lessen stated. Angela Meyer said that she would investigate this issue and speak to the property owner and then get back with Sue Marshall.

COX INTERNET

Mary Lou Peace asked Bette Lessen why the City was receiving a bill from Cox Communications for cable when the City gets their cable from Craw-Kan. Bette stated that the City is receiving cable service from Cox but that she would investigate the matter and report back. The monthly bill is for \$14.55.

Mary Lou then went on to say how she had gone to the back shop last week to speak to John Gorentz, only to find the City guys sitting in the shop watching TV at 11:30 in the morning. This behavior is unprofessional, and that this TV needs to be removed. The employees should be working not sitting around watching TV. Dick Cleland agreed with Mary Lou that he had witnesses this same behavior and the TV needs to go. Dick Cleland made the motion to have the TV removed from the back shop. Mary Lou Peace seconds the motion. The motion was approved with Dick, Mary Lou and Ken Harryman voting yes on the motion and Rob Lessen and Travis Wood voting no.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Mike McLeod was not present.

LIBRARY REPORT

Brenda Banks was not present.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Travis Wood reported on speaking to Ed Fields about the City pond, the weed situation and a fountain.

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were presented.

PURCHASE REQUEST

No request was presented.

Kenny Harryman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Rob Lessen seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Bette Lessen, City Clerk

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