

## City Council Minutes

13 August 2018

Present: Nick Pieske, Rick Like, Myron Bennett, Henry Veldhuisen, Dale Pavlis,

Welcome guests: Steve Telkamp, Donna Mollerma, Bob Wornson, Audrey Wornson, Deb Lee.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Like. Guests were welcomed and Steve Telkamp addressed the ordinances which will be submitted to Merlyn Anderson and ultimately to the Judge for confirmation and it will then be sent back to the City and submitted to the State. Judy will communicate with Steve Telkamp to complete the process.

Deb Lee has again brought photos and complaint to the council about the rock that has accumulated in the catch basin. The rock that collects needs to be cleaned out after each rain. Rick has spoken to Bill Ellefson regarding vacuuming out the basin.

Review of the minutes: Minutes approved.

Review of the liquor fund: Liquor fund is approved; The water pressure was low in the liquor store and Tim Bengsten looked at the meter and possibly cleaned it and it helped the pressure. The city should contact a plumber to look at the meters to clean. MSP by Bonnie and Henry to proceed with regular routine meter cleaning of 25% of the meters per year. Rick has appointed Nick and Dale to follow through with creating a list of residences to be addressed.

Myron will contact Tim Bengsten regarding a bid for an air conditioner for the liquor store.

Review the General Fund: General Fund approved.

Review water/sewer fund: Bob will contact the Sheriff's department to assist with shutting the water off at 331 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The Deputy will stop at Dean Larson's and ask him to move his vehicle. (?)

Old Business:

- Silt removal – Rick has contacted Slayton to vacuum out.
- The tree on 4<sup>th</sup> Street – Judy will send a registered letter to Theresa Hughes regarding the tree.

New Business:

- The Lawn Maintenance position will be posted each year in January. MSP by Dale and Nick to use the job description as written annually with adjustments as needed with the hourly pay.
- The council went in to closed session. At 7:40. Closed session ended at 7:50.
- Henry will supervise the Lawn Maintenance Position. He did mention the service door is poor and should potentially be replaced.
- Brycen Johnson has been hired to complete the mowing season; Judy will prepare a contract and email it to the council for approval and present to Brycen for signature.

- 2019 Budget will be reviewed by Rick to be turned back to the County by October.
- Rick Like has submitted his fee to run for the Office of Mayor; Bonnie Petersen has submitted fee for Council; Dale Pavlis has submitted fee for Council.
- Water Testing – Darren Haroldson is working with Darwin Johnson to help him with the chemicals and water flushing.
- Checkmarc – Free Service from Minnwest Bank to collect NSF checks. Judy will follow up with Kim Konkol at the bank.

Dale enquired about any properties that could be cleaned up and/or purchased prior to the County making the road updates in a couple of years.

MSP by Dale and Nick to authorize Henry to contract propane for \$1.22 per gallon as purchased in 2017.

Motion to pay bills by Henry and Bonnie.

Motion to adjourn by Henry and Bonnie.

Respectfully submitted by Judy LaBoda- City Clerk