

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 16, 2017

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, October 16, 2017 with members Dorothy Behne, Kurt Olson, Matt Larson, and Jeff Ross present. Absent, Brad Ringnell. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

In open public comment, Carlee Hunter thanked the City for the removal weeds around town, new trees in the South Park, and if there was any thought to having a three year dog license.

Motion by Ross to approve the agenda, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Olson to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Larson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Police Chief/City Admin Hughes presented an estimate from K&W Electric for the retrofitting of the lights in various city owned buildings. The estimate for the retrofitting of the lights in the Community is \$3,520 while the cost of the retrofit at the City Shop and Wastewater Treatment Plant is \$2,816. The funding for the project could come from the Designated Funds or set-aside funds for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Hughes stated that the lights that are left on for 3 hours or more would see the savings. Motion by Olson to move ahead with the retrofitting of lights at the Community Hall, City Shop, and Wastewater Treatment Plant, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by Ross to approve a pull tab request for the Harvest Party sponsored by the Regional Worship Center in the amount of \$100.00, second by Olson, carried.

Hughes presented various quotes for Street Sweepers which all on the state bid price. A majority of the sweepers are a 4 wheel model and work on a regenerative air or vacuum system. The additional quotes have a higher price than the quote that was received from the MacQueen System which was presented at the last meeting. The 4 wheel sweeper would work well for the removal of small particles and with the use of a 3 wheel option for the removal of larger particles. Hughes stated that MacQueen would be bringing a unit down for a demo. Consensus of the council was to table the decision until the demonstration can be completed.

Kelly Yahnke with Bolton & Menk presented change order 3 and change order 4 for the Water Treatment Facility. Change Order 3 would be for the drilling of new well since the well 1 which was drilled in the 1940's failed while doing work on the project and then was sealed along with the original well. MN Dept of Health has given approval to drill a new well along with sealing of the old wells. The cost estimate for the change order is \$181,464.06 and Bolton & Menk did receive two quotes for the drilling of a new well. Change Order 4 would allow for the furnishing and installation of an ammonia feed system to help with the removal of iron bacteria found in raw well water before the water goes through the RO Membranes. The cost estimate for the change order 4 is \$45,564.78. Yahnke stated that there is around \$162,063 set-aside in contingencies in the PFA Loan and the city will not have enough funds to cover the two change orders and has the option of using cash on hand or requesting additional loan money. Motion by Olson to request an additional \$150,000 from MN Public Facility Authority and to accept Change Order 3 and Change Order 4, second by Ross, approved.

Administrator Report

- Liquor Store Signs are up but with a black circle instead of red one. Council members were okay with the black circle but would the entire on/off sale to be lighted not just the words. K & W Electric is working on getting the back sign lighted.
- Letter to property owners regarding height of bushes was sent out and mixed reaction was received. Discussion was held on what kind of reaction would be received if the letter was sent and if this is an issue that the City wants to tackle. It was the consensus of the Council to develop a list of properties with potentially overgrown bushes then have a visit with the property owners before sending a letter.
- August financials from Temperance Lake Ridge were presented for Review
- September Police Report was presented for review and Shop with Cop program was highlighted.

Councilor Ringnell arrived.

In other business, Councilor Ross asked about the downtown beautification project and about the status of the quilt claim deed and engineer's report on a certain property. Councilor Larson asked about the variance hearing held at the County for a potential truck wash and if the inventory system at the liquor store has been updated along with the status of getting a booster in.

Motion to adjourn by Ross, second by Ringnell, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk