

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2018

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Kurt Olson on Monday, March 5, 2018 with members Matt Larson, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Absent: Dorothy Behne. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

In open public comment, Dee Kokan stated that she had fourteen snowmobiles drive across her property since the end of December and if there something could be done like the construction of a ramp or the use of either a snow fence or signs. Laura and Riley Ebeling asked for request to allow chickens in town as part of a 4-H project. The chickens would only be in town until after the Martin County Fair. The Ebelings have done some research with surrounding communities to see if they allow chickens and found that the City of Lakefield has a chicken ordinance that is somewhat strict.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a \$500 pull tab donation for martin County West Summer Recreation, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the franchise agreement with Midcontinent once the local access is back up and running, second by Larson, carried.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented a draft letter to send to Doug Schroeder regarding the extension request for the Raze and Removal Order issued by the City. The letter lists the conditions that would need to be submitted in order to grant the extension. The letter also states that if the scheduled timeline is not adhered to then the extension would be revoked and the process for the removal of the building in question would resume.

Hughes presented an independent contractor agreement with Mike Paulson to be the licensed operator for the water and wastewater plants. The agreement would start on April 1 at cost \$1,400 for six months. Once the Sherburn Public Works staff obtain the needed water license then the agreement would be for the just the wastewater plant with a reduce cost. Motion by Ringnell to approve the independent contractor agreement with Mike Paulson for six month, second by Ross, approved.

Hughes provided an update on the proposed library building. The plans are still being created by Morton Buildings and then plans will be sent to representative from Lester buildings for their cost. A meeting with the Sherburn Economic Development Authority is scheduled to request funds for the project.

Administrator Report

- Hardness levels of the water have been tested by a lab and they currently around a seven grains of hardness and the sodium levels have dropped at the wastewater treatment
- Will draft a variance allow chickens for the Ebelings for an educational purpose based on the information that was provided earlier during the meeting. If there are additional requests then the interested parties would need to present to the City Council.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell asked if the hardness levels throughout town to be tested and sent to lab for the requests for the next meeting. Councilor Ross asked about the status of the new light pole. The light pole was shipped on March 2. Councilor Larson asked about the steps that were taken to educate the public about either turning the water softeners down or by passing them. Councilor Olson asked when the public access will be up and running.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk