

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
December 5, 2016

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, December 5, 2016 with members Carroll Behne, Dorothy Behne, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

Motion by Olson to approve the agenda, second by C. Behne, carried.

Motion by C. Behne to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Ringnell, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills, cigarette and off sale beer licenses for Casey's General Store and Kum & Go Convenience, cigarette license for Dollar General, and wine/strong beer and on sale beer for Cup n Saucer was declared approved.

At this time the Budget and Levy Public Hearing was called to order. One citizen was present to hear City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes's slide presentation that began with explanations of the city budget, where the money comes from and where it is spent, descriptions of the various funds supported by tax dollars, and the enterprise funds that are expected to support themselves. City Admin/Police Chief Hughes continued to explain that the proposed levy had been certified with a 4.9% increase for 2017, but additional adjustments were made to the budget that allowed a final levy increase of 0%. One citizen in attendance asked if the city would be able to levy funds to be used in demolition of properties which would be something similar to what the City of Trimont does. Copies of the presentation will be available at City Hall for anyone wishes to review the information that was presented. The final budget and levy will be adopted at the December 19, 2016 council meeting. The public hearing was declared closed.

At this time the regular Council Meeting reconvened. Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2016-28 Accepting Donation of \$5,800 from the Martin County Area Foundation for the Playground Equipment, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; C. Behne, yea; Ross, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2016-28 approved.

Temperance Lake Ridge would like to purchase a bus to transport residents to appointments and other activities. The proposed cost for the bus would be around \$60,000 and Temperance Lake Ridge has around \$850,000 in their repairs and maintenance account. Council would like to review the specs of the bus before the purchase. The issue was tabled until the December 19 meeting.

Administrator Report

- Street sweeper was broke last week but was repaired. The sweeper will be out as the weather allows.
- Christmas Lights are up for the season
- Catch basins are being cleaned
- Building located at 16 E 1st St has been rekeyed
- Gravel has been ordered to repair potholes at the east end of Temperance Lake Road and by Sherburn Nursery

In other business, Councilor Ringnell asked if the street by the water treatment facility could be cleaned up by the construction company. Councilor Ross would like to see the purchase of tablets for the Council before January and asked about the fire contracts and if an increase would be needed. Mayor Behne asked if the alley behind Village Apartments would be looked at as there are drops at the end of the alley in need of repair.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen