

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 1, 2017

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, May 1, 2017 with members Dorothy Behne, Matt Larson, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved but with the withholding of the Final Pay Request for the 2014 Street Project.

Greg Mitchell with Bolton and Menk presented a draft letter that will be sent to residents explaining the start-up process for the improved Water Treatment Facility. The letter provides detail on when the plant will be coming on line and informing the public that they may experience a slight change in the taste of the water as the improved water is flushed through the system. City Staff will need to flush the hydrants to minimize the discolored water and taste concerns. The letter also points out that water softeners will need to either be removed, by-passed or set to the similar setting as the water coming from the plant in order to avoid having overly softened water. If you experience problems with your water softener before the Water Facility Starts-Up, it is recommended that you consider not replacing the unit or rent a unit. It was the consensus of the Council to send the letter out in May along with additional letters as we get closer the start-up dates.

Motion by Ross to approve Resolution 2017-07 Accepting Donation of \$998.00 from Federated Rural Electric Trust for two electronic stethoscopes for the Fire Department, second by Ringnell. Ross, yea; Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea; Olson, yea; D. Behne; yea. Resolution 2017-07 approved.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented two designs and quotes for the Liquor Store. Discussion included the need for a sign on the back of the building or placing the signage on the front of the building, having the sign currently on the back wrapped with a vinyl sign then lighted as well as having the signs go on the building and not the roof. Motion by Ringnell to create a committee consisting of Councilor Matt Larson, Liquor Store Manager Jamie Leiting, City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes, and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen to explore options for the Liquor Store Signs, second by Ross, carried.

Hughes then presented quotes for the replacement of the snow blower. The City will be leasing a tractor from Tri-County Implement beginning in November. The quotes ranged from \$10,700 to \$26,264. Council requested information on if the blower with the lowest bid price would be able to work snow that has been pushed into the center of the streets. The purchase of the blower was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion by Ross to declare the Fire Department Radios and Pagers as excess equipment, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Olson to declare the current snow blower as excess equipment and authorize the sale of the equipment, second by Ringnell, carried.

Administrator Report

- Final cost for the new John Deere Zero-Turn mower was \$16,950.00 which was the cost for the machine from both Tri-County Implement as well as John Deere dealership in Estherville. The new mower was delivered on April 21.
- Temperance Lake Ridge Financials were presented for Council Review
- Letter from TransCanada was presented stating approval for funding for the Fire Department for a Thermal Imaging Camera.

In other business, Councilor Larson stated that the infrared patching on N Lake was need of repair. Councilor Ringnell voiced a concern over the current condition of the trailer while Councilor Ross asked about the status of the paving of the manhole by the Post Office. Mayor Behne asked if the Lions presented a pull tab request for the Holiday Festival and that request was approved February 6 meeting and inquired if anyone knew about the Fox Lake Conservation League donation for a gazebo.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:46 p.m. at which time the council toured the City Shop as well as the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk