

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
December 18, 2017

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Dorothy Behne at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017 with members Dorothy Behne, Kurt Olson, Matt Larson, 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 by Ross to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills and pay request #15 for the water treatment project was declared approved.

Sam Meixell representing the Sherburn Fire Department and Ambulance was present to discuss the offering of holiday pay for fire/rescue calls in addition to ambulance calls. The main reason for additional is thought that some personnel could potentially be paid at higher rate based on who is riding in the ambulance. Discussion was held regarding this issue with some of the issues being discussed if the additional pay will help cover the calls or if the same members will still up responding as well as impacts on other city departments. The issue was tabled until the first meeting in January.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes reported that the townships agreed to pay for their half of the a new grass rig at the December 6 meeting and letters have been sent out asking what the intended repayment plan for each township is. A fire department will be purchasing the grass rig using state bid pricing and have received a quote from Hawkins Chevrolet for the chassis for \$31,625.55. Motion by Ross to approve the purchase of a new grass rig, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ross to increase the fire "out the door" fee to \$1000.00 for the first three hours then charge \$250.00 per hour after the third hour and to increase the out the door rescue charge to \$500.00, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2017-19 Accepting Donation of \$500.00 from James and Kay Lytle, \$500.00 from Earl and Charlotte Cordes, \$500.00 from William and Mary Truesdell, and \$500.00 from Gary and Dorothy Janssen for Street Light Upgrade, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Ross, yea; Larson, yea; Behne, yea. Resolution 2017-19 approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2016-20 Accept Final 2017 Tax Levy of \$555,727.00 Collectible in 2018, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Ross, yea; Larson, yea; Behne, yea. Resolution 2016-20 approved. This represents a 2.7% increase after five years of a zero increase with a plan designation of street repairs.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented the 2018 budget for the Economic Development Authority (EDA), Municipal Liquor Store, and Water & Wastewater. Motion by Ross to approve the 2018 budget for the EDA, Municipal Liquor Store, and Water & Wastewater, second by Larson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to move the first meeting in January to January 2nd at 5:00 p.m. due to the New Year's Day Holiday, second by Olson, carried with Larson voting nay.

Admin update:

- November Police Department Report was presented for review.

In other business, Councilor Ross asked a security camera could be installed in the back parking area at the Liquor Store. Councilor Larson asked about the installation of additional lighting in the back parking area at the Liquor Store. Mayor Behne stated that the sidewalk in from the Community Hall is still causing a leak and if there is any way to stop the leak from occurring.

At 6:00 p.m. council went into closed session for the purpose of employee reviews. Motion by Ringnell to adjourn closed session, second by Olson, carried. The regular council meeting reconvened at 6:15 p.m. Motion by Ringnell to grant a 2.5% wage increase for full-time employees effective December 26, 2017 and adjust Hughes's salary to \$25,000.00 and put \$5,400.00 toward Hughes ROTH IRA, second by Ross, carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Larson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk