

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

April 16, 2018

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, April 16, 2018 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.

In open public comment, Rodney Hanson asked about various ordinances in the town including removal of snow from sidewalks and junk ordinance as what can be done with the empty building in town. Carlee Hunter asked what the criteria will be for the use of the demolition fund that was established and if a property is purchased a tax sale if the utility assessments can be forgiven. Tom Miller asked about the paving on Venn Street which is still being researched. Dick Zehms asked about the paving of Cargill which is also being researched and if the property owners have been contacted.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills and Pay Request #17 for the Water Treatment Project was declared approved.

At this time the Open Book Meeting was called to order with Deb Eversman, County Appraiser and Dan Whitman, County Assessor, present to answer questions regarding property tax valuations. Mr. Whitman explained that there has been 13 sales in the City of Sherburn in 2017. Dick Zehms asked how the City tax rate can be lowered on agricultural land which is currently in the Rural Service District which does have a lower tax rate compared to the rest of the city.

Motion by Ross to approved Resolution 2018-5 Accepting Donation of \$200.00 from Kenneth & Dorothy Crissinger for the Sherburn Ambulance, second by Ringnell. Ross, yea; Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Larson, yea; Behne, yea. Resolution 2018-5 approved.

Diane Armburst presented information regarding the Prairie Fire Children's Theater program which is one of the most successful programs in Community Education and Recreation. The performance this year will be a Midsummer Night's Dream. Armburst explained how the funding works for the program and how the program works for the students that are involved in the production. Motion by Ross to approve a \$500 pull tab donation to Prairie Fire Children's Theater toward scholarships then utilize how CER sees fits, second by Olson, carried.

Administrator Report

- New Garage Door at the shop was installed.
- M & R Paving was in town and is preparing a list for street work for the year with Bergen coming back once the snow is gone to look at completing some crack sealing.
- Water Treatment information letter prepared by Bolton & Menk will sent out in the future.
- Preliminary plans for the Library have been received as well as quotes for a grinder pump at the Temperance Lake Ridge lift station.
- Sample parking ordinances regarding parking in the yards were review with Hughes drafting sample language for review by the City Attorney.

In other business, Councilor Olson asked about the shipping status of the street light. Councilor Ringnell took pictures at the liquor store for the placement of a potential broaster, which will be discussed at a later meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk