

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 20, 2021

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Roesler on Monday, September 20, 2021 with members Matt Larson Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell, and Bob Roesler present. Absent: Carlee Hunter. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the agenda as amended, second by Olson, 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 was declared approved.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented a proposal received from Bolton and Menk regarding the license operator for the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$1,500 per month. The current operator would not continue of the monthly fee was reduced due to current staff obtaining the need licenses for the water plant. Bolton and Menk will be at the wastewater plant often for the next two years during the rehab project, it would sense that they resume being the license holder for our plant. By the time the project is finished, current staff will be eligible to test for the license to run the plant ourselves. Motion by Ringnell to approve the proposal by Bolton and Menk to provide a license operator for the wastewater treatment plant at a cost of \$1,500 per month, second by Larson, carried.

Hughes presented a proposal for an inventory system for the liquor store. The system will be able to track the amount of inventory that is on hand for each item as well the number of pours that a bottle gets in the on-sale if it is set up for that. The vendor indicates that we will likely see a significant return on the investment for the inventory system. The cost of the inventory is around \$1,000 for the set up and monthly fee of \$425. Discussion on the proposal included return on the investment, scanner and equipment included, contract length, future pricing, and installation. Motion by Larson to purchase the liquor store inventory system as submitted, second by Ringnell, carried.

Martin Co was appraised the property located at 211 N Prairie St at \$2,500 so with the fees the total cost of the purchase would \$2,654,25. The County Board will be meeting on September 21 and will review the request to obtain the property. Discussion held on various options for property which include removing the structure then using the lot for a duplex. City Admin/Police Chief Hughes will contact the company that just finished a construction project in Welcome. Motion by Olson to purchase the property located 211 N Prairie St and remove the house, second by Larson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2021-13 Adopting a Proposed 2021 Tax Levy in the Amount of \$585,446, Collectible in 2022 and Setting the Date and Time for the Public Hearing on December 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and if necessary, a continuation hearing on December 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Larson, yea; Roesler, yea. Resolution 2021-13 approved.

Administrator Report

- Two foods that were the events this summer will be over on October 4 for one more night before the weather turns cold for the year.
- August 20201 Police Report was presented for review.
- Kelly Yahnke with Bolton and Menk will be in attendance at the October 4 to discuss the bids that were received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project. Mr. Yahnke is working on getting the

funding adjusted due to the substantial difference between the bid estimate and actual bids. The bid tabulation was presented for the review. Discussion has also be held regarding options that could be pursued because of the size of the difference.

- Updated costs for future development areas will be obtained from the City Engineer.
- Well # 4 is working perfectly now so the repair on the well #3 can begin.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Ringnell, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk