

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- APRIL 3, 2017

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Sorensen, Karst, Heitman, Carr, Schoenfelder, and Ozark. Those also present were City Clerk-Treasurer Amundson, Sergeant Edwards, Police Chief Barstad, DPW Kompel, and City Attorney Helland. John Bach and Troy Kelsey from Interstate Engineering were also in attendance. There was no media representation.

Mayor Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for April 3, 2017 in the amount of \$68,145.28, the Valley Court Apartment claims in the amount of \$3,370.66, and the minutes of the March 20, 2017, Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr and carried unanimously.

Council member Karst made a motion approving the call for bids for the City's Repurchase Agreement for June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Council member Sorensen and carried unanimously.

Council member Sorensen made a motion approving the hiring of a total of six (6) summer laborers; Two (2) for the parks, two (2) for the cemetery, one (1) for the streets, and one (1) for the levee. The motion was seconded by Council member Heitman, and carried unanimously.

Council member Sorensen made a motion approving the vacation extension for Sergeant Edwards until June 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder and carried unanimously.

Council member Carr reported on the RFP review. He stated the lowest scoring firm's proposal included additional costs for any extra work that may be required. The second highest scoring firm only allocated approximately 163 hours and the highest scoring firm allocated a total of 250 hours towards the audit. Denning Downing, and Associates bid was \$22,000.00, Wipfli's bid was \$27,000.00, and Anderson ZurMuehlen's bid was \$32,000.00. Council member Schoenfelder made a motion to hire Anderson ZurMuehlen out of Havre for auditing services in the amount of \$32,000.00 and inquire if the dollar amount could be negotiated depending on the actual hours worked. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson introduced for adoption **Resolution No. 2036** – A Resolution Establishing Budgetary Authority in the Strategic Prevention Framework Grant Fund for the Receipt and Expenditure of Monies Received from the District II Alcohol and Drug Program for the Block Grant Fee Service Contract. Council member Sorensen made a motion adopting **Resolution No. 2036**. The motion was seconded by Council member Schoenfelder; whereby **Resolution No. 2036** was unanimously adopted.

Council member Karst made a motion to approve crediting Dylan Meland's water account in the amount of \$134.40 for overcharges due to an incorrect meter head being installed. The motion was seconded by Council member Sorensen, and carried unanimously.

Old Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – There will be a meeting on April 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the National Weather Service.

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – The press release will publish this week and the city can start accepting applications. The radio station has already advertised this and seven (7) applications have been picked up. After applications are

received, they will have to pass the income verification, then there will be a scoring system that they will need to go through, then the housing board will select each project.

-Discussion on Street Maintenance charged to residents/business owners on 1st Street North – No Report.

Committee Reports: There were no reports for Personnel or Water. Mayor Erickson stated she will have a couple people with 60 hours of community service that could assist at the Cemetery with trimming around the foot stones. Police Chief Barstad mentioned the Homeland Security Grant application has passed the first round of cuts. Sergeant Edwards said that he has started on updating the Fireworks Ordinance, but still needs to meeting with Fire Chief Brunelle.

Department Head Reports:

Mayor Erickson updated the council on Adult Treatment Court; currently there are 12 participants, two are going to be graduating, and there are two more potential candidates. The Commissioners meeting on Wednesday has been moved to 11:00 am; the LEPC meeting has been cancelled; the Two Rivers meeting is tomorrow; she has emailed Keystone to set up a meeting, and so far \$1,525.00 has been donated towards flowers for downtown.

Police Chief Barstad said that Tim Fischer has graduated from the Academy and will be back to work on Wednesday of this week. Josh Ames is doing well and is set to attend the Academy in September. He has been reviewing the applications that have come in for the open officer position and is looking at conducting interviews around the 23rd of April.

DPW Kompel mentioned he attended the building codes conference in Bozeman last week. Work has begun in the upstairs weight room; fence permits are increasing; he is working on his building codes report to the state; the call before you dig meeting will be held Wednesday night at the Cottonwood; and the paving project will be ready to bid soon, with bid opening on May 1, 2017.

City Clerk Amundson stated the preliminary health insurance increase is about 3.9% this year, which is approximately a \$26.00 increase. There will be a budget training either here or in Wolf Point on June 21st. The Harassment Prevention Training will be held on June 22nd here in the Council Chambers, and she attended the Branding kick off meeting last week.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Sorensen the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey Amundson
City Clerk-Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor