

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ----- DECEMBER 21, 2015

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Erickson. The following Council members were present: Sorensen, Karst, Ozark, Carr, Schoenfelder, and Durell. Those also present were City Clerk Amundson, DPW Kompel, Street Foreman Krause, Police Chief Barstad, and City Attorney Helland. Butch Heitman was also present. The media was represented by James Walling of the Glasgow Courier.

Mayor Erickson led the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment on any agenda item: NONE

Council member Sorensen made a motion approving the consent agenda including, the payment of claims for December 21, 2015 in the total amount of \$187,315.92 and the minutes of the December 7, 2015, Regular Council Meeting and the closed session minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Durell, and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Barstad explained that Officer Weber will be leaving the Police Department to take another job in Billings, so there will be a vacant position they would like to fill. The process will take approximately eight (8) weeks or more, but he would like to be able to open the position. Council member Sorensen made a motion allowing Police Chief Barstad to advertise the position. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr; Council member Schoenfelder abstained, motion carried.

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion appointing Council member Carr to the Police Commission to fill the vacancy of Council member Durell. The motion was seconded by Council member Sorensen, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Erickson stated the Council meetings in January will be on Monday the 4th and Tuesday the 19th, due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Old Business:

-Levee Safety Committee Report – Mayor Erickson stated there will be a meeting in Helena on January 15, 2016, with the Department of Commerce to discuss the grant amounts from the Resiliency Grant that the city has applied for; Larry Mires, and DPW Kompel will attend that meeting. Also, there will be a meeting on January 5, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the National Weather Service with Interstate Engineering to “kick off” the risk analysis study they will be conducting on the levee.

- Update on GNDC noncompetitive grant – City Clerk Amundson stated that the letters for the Environmental Study have been sent to the agencies for their input. They have 30 days to respond. In the meantime, GNDC will continue to work on the grant application.

-Renovations on the T-33 Airplane – No Report

-Valley Court Apartments Acquisition Update – City Clerk Amundson told the council that there was a conference call with USDA Rural Development on Friday December 18, and the process is moving forward. City Attorney Helland was working the buy/sell agreement, she and Rocky Zimdars have been working on the management agreements, when they are complete, they will be sent to City Attorney Helland for his review, and she has also been working on the transfer application documents.

Committee Reports: There are no committee reports for Personnel and water. Mayor Erickson wanted to know the status of the Dry Prairie Rural Water (DPRW) study. DPW Kompel said that Morrison-Maierle will be here the first week of January to meet with Joni from DPRW. Council member Karst reported on the Cemetery Committee, saying that Dan has a list of items that he can be working on throughout the winter. Police Chief Barstad updated the council on the State Farm, BNSF, Victim Witness Advocate, and Misdemeanor Probation Grants. Council member Karst gave an update on the ordinance committee meeting that was held on December 14. There is progress being made on the animal ordinance, they will meet again after the 1st of the year.

Department Head Reports:

DPW Kompel informed the council that Alicia has finished the revised comments for the SWIF plan and it has been resubmitted to the Corps. He has been working on the discharge monitoring reports for the Department of Environmental Quality. The water department has been assisting MDU behind All Seasons, there is water in their gas line and the water department is trying to figure out the cause.

Street Foreman Krause mentioned that his department has been working on snow removal and JR is working on maintaining the vehicles for the winter.

Police Chief Barstad said that in January a representative from Zuercher will be here to start the process of transferring over the records management system to the new software. He explained the campaign that the District II grant is doing for underage drinking awareness and making good choices. The speed sign that was located by the swim pool has been moved into a requested residential area. Chief Barstad also thanked Council member Durell for the years he served on the Police Commission.

City Attorney Helland stated that the Dry Prairie Rural Water Easements will be ready for approval at the first meeting in January, the buy/sell for Valley Court is about 95% completed, and he's received signatures on the petition for alley abandonment for Farm Equipment Sales.

Mayor Erickson administered the oath of office for Council member Karst, Council member Schoenfelder, and Elvon "Butch" Heitman who will take office on January 1, 2016.

Public Comment: NONE

Council member Schoenfelder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Carr, the meeting adjourned at 6:00p.m.

ATTEST:

Stacey A. Amundson
City Clerk -Treasurer

Rebecca Erickson
Mayor