

April 13, 2015

The City Council met in the Council Room on April 13, 2015 with the following members present: Richard Novotny, Monica Olson, Mayor Terry Aasness and Melissa Englund and the following absent: NONE

Others Present: Bob Schlieman-Apex Engineering, Dean Birkeland-Carlson-Highland CPA, Ardell Hendrickson, Bobbie Batesole, Arlynn & Susie Johnson, Dave Bedore, Darin Batesole, Jeanine Hennemann, Jerry Buse and Diana Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Aasness.

All present stood to say the pledge of allegiance.

The Council interviewed two applicants for the City Council position. After the interviews one decided to withdraw their application.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Englund and carried to appoint Bobbie Batesole to a Council position. Her term will be up on December 31, 2016. She was sworn in and took her position at the Council table.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the April 13th agenda with the addition of power washer, Duluth training and service agreement for the lift station.

A motion was made by Englund, seconded by Novotny and carried to approve the March 9th Council Minutes.

Dean presented the 2014 audit. Some of the findings were segregation of duties and pledged collateral. The audit was turned into the state by March 31st.

Bob presented a feasibility study on the water tower/filter plant. To do the upgrades on the filter plant and install a new water tower it could cost around \$2,500,000.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to put the water tower/filter plant project on the project priority list with the Public Facilities Authority for possible funding.

Mark Lee should be in town this week working on some of the lawns. June 19th is the final completion date for this project.

The Summer Recreation Program will be held in Brandon and Evansville this year. Last year there were 140 kids that participated in ball and 75 in swimming lessons. There is a fee charged to all kids but that does not cover all the costs.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Englund and carried to contribute \$1,500 to the Evansville Summer Recreation program.

A motion was made by Englund, seconded by Novotny and carried to approve the LG220 from the West Douglas County Legion Post 188 and waive the 10% and 30-day waiting period to have a raffle on May 29th at the School.

There have been lots of complaints about dogs running. If a resident can catch a dog that is in their yard we will come and pick it up and bring it to the Humane Society. Otherwise they are to take a picture and send them to City hall.

The Council received prices for new chairs for the Council room. It would cost around \$400 per chair. The Council would like to hold off on this at this time.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Batesole and carried to purchase an Office Jet Pro 476 printer/scanner/fax/copier from MN Computer Systems with a service contract. The copier is \$650.00.

Board of Review is April 22nd at 1 PM.

Dog/Cat Clinic is May 7th from 4-6 PM at City Hall.

Clean Up day is May 16th from 9-1 PM in the Community Center parking lot.

A motion was made by Englund, seconded by Olson and carried to extend TIF to Justin Evavold who is looking to purchase a property at 622 Borgrud Lane as long as he meets the requirements.

A motion was made by Englund, seconded by Olson and carried to repair the various streets with patches as long as the school will participate in their parking lot.

A motion was made by Englund, seconded by Novonty and carried to hire Pro-Sweep to sweep the City streets.

The water runs down Main Street by the bulk plant and washes out the gravel. Jerry will talk to Roy and do some checking on what can be done.

A motion was made by Englund, seconded by Novotny and carried to table the personal handbook pages 12-18 until the May meeting.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Englund and carried to approve a structure permit for Nancy Dillehay to build a brick patio as long as she abides by the setbacks. It is parcel 72-0220-000.

A motion was made by Aasness, seconded by Englund and carried to approve a structure permit from Darin & Bobbie Batesole to add a deck to their house as long as they abide by the setbacks. It is parcel 72-0097-000.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Englund and carried to contribute \$600 to the Community Club for the 4th of July events.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Englund and carried to approve a 3-year service contract with MN Pump Works for \$397.06 per year to service the lift station pumps.

Terry will get some prices on a pressure washer that the City and Fire Department can share.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Olson and carried to allow any Council or staff to attend the LMC training in Duluth June 24-26th.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Englund and carried to approve the April bills and authorize payment. (List Attached)

A motion was made by Englund, seconded by Olson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 PM.

Diana K. Olson

Board of Review—April 22, 2015

The Board of Review was called to order at 1:00 PM with the following members: Richard Novotny, Terry Aasness, Monica Olson & Bobbie Batesole
Absent: Melissa Englund

Others Present: Dave McNutt & Keith Albertson—Douglas County Assessor's office and Diana Olson

The Board of Review was called to order at 1:00 PM by Mayor Aasness and all stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 6 good sales in 2014 and so far this year we have had 7 sales. The values are staying pretty consistent.

We had one person inquire on a decrease in the value of his house due to having the whole downstairs torn apart to remodel. It is parcel 72-0197-000. The current value on the parcel is \$23,800 and he is requesting it be decrease to \$18,100.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Olson and carried to decrease the value of parcel 72-0197-000 from \$23,800 to \$18,100 for the taxes payable 2016 due to the nature of the house.

Starting in July the State will be offering a 3 hour online Board of Review training. All Council members are encouraged to take the training as we need one person trained at the Board of Review.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Novonty and carried to adjourn the Board of Review at 1:47 PM.

Diana K. Olson