

February 13, 2017

The City Council met in the Council Room on February 13, 2017 with the following members present: Chuck Steffenson, Monica Olson, Mayor Terry Aasness, Darek Buse & Bobbie Batesole and the following absent: NONE

Others Present: Tony Wright, Lyle Olson, Richard Novonty, Jamie Englund, Tyler Anderson, Darrin Batesole, Ardell Hendrickson, Jerry Buse and Diana K. Olson

All present stood to say the pledge of allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Batesole and carried to approve the February 13th agenda.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the January 9th Council Minutes.

Bob from Apex was unable to attend the meeting but did send over the information he needed the Council to address. For the upgrade to the treatment plant and new tower plans the Council had to decide the type of tower.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Steffenson and carried to go with the hydrocone tower for the new tower design.

The Council talked about the land they are looking to purchase from the Anderson's and questioned if it would be enough. The committee will meet with the Andersons and express this concern.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the contract with Braun Intertec to do the soil borings on the new tower site for \$7,493.

RMB will be in town tomorrow to do some testing for the water treatment plant upgrade.

Tyler presented information on the fire hall. The committee got some new quotes from different contractors and the quotes came in around \$400,000. The committee would like to meet with the Townships to discuss what we are looking at doing. After the meeting with the townships we would like to do a purchase agreement on the land. The Council is onboard with this project.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Batesole and carried to get a purchase agreement on the fire hall land contingent Townships approval.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Steffenson and carried to have the City responsible for all bills related to the siren.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the fire department's 2018 budget of \$49,500.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Batesole and carried to approve the 2017 Fire Department officers. They are:

Fire Chief---Ben Hohman

Assistant Fire Chief—Jamie Englund and Tyler Anderson

Secretary----Cody Domek
Engineer---Darek Buse and Jake Cole
Training Officers---Micah Cole and Corey Jaenisch

We had a request from a resident to put a Stop sign on Johnson and Douglas Street due to someone getting into an accident. The Council decided to no add a sign at this time.

A motion was made by Steffenson, seconded by Buse and carried to purchase a harness for the loader in the amount \$2,622 and get the ride control fixed.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Buse and carried to send a draft copy of the new tobacco ordinance to the attorney for his opinion.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Steffenson and carried to contract with Executive Sanitation for a porta-potty for the shelter along the trail in the amount of \$115 per month.

The Board of Review is scheduled for April 19th at 1 PM.
The Auditors were here last week and everything went well.
There will be an AWF wrestling event in Evansville on April 8th.

The City has an offer on two lots in East Side Phase 2. The amount is \$925 lower then asking price.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Olson and carried to counter the offer on the East Side lot with the full purchase price of \$8,425.60 for both lots.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Batesole and carried to not allow counter offers on the East Side Phase 2 lots due to the already reduced price and removal of the special assessments.

The City qualified for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators Award.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Steffenson and carried to approve Jerry to attend the MPCA conference.

Minnesota Rural Water has been helping the City with an asset management plan.
The City pumped 13,594,000 gallons of water for 2016.
The City pumped 13,962,000 gallons of wastewater for 2016.
The Husted house and announcers stand were checked for asbestos. We are just waiting on the report.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the February bills and authorize payment. (List Attached)

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Olson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 PM.

Diana K. Olson