

March 13, 2017

The City Council met in the Council Room on March 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: Warren Schmidt-B/E School, Dean Birkland-Carlson & Company CPA, Bob Schlieman-Apex, Ardell Hendrickson, David Anderson, Jamie Englund, Dave Bedore, Richard Novotny, 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 Olson and carried to approve the March 13th agenda with the addition of Warren from the B/E School.

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

Bob from Apex was present to discuss the tower and treatment plant upgrades to the Council. The Design is 75% complete. The City will need to look at securing the land for the new tower along with a design/logo for the tower and colors. The Bonding bill has not been passed so we are not sure if there will be funding available for the project at this time.

Dean from Carlson & Company was present to go over the 2016 audit. The City got 2 findings which are normal in small Cities because of the limited office staff. The audit went well with information prepared and delivered in a timely manner.

Warren stopped by to introduce himself. He was hired by the B/E School District to work on their facilities plan. He is currently working on gathering information. Warren will meet with the State to discuss options of the district.

The water tower committee met with the Anderson's about purchasing some land. It would be about 2.2 acres and they are asking \$10,000 an acre with the City paying all costs associated with the land purchase.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Steffenson and carried to purchase 2.2 acres of land by the current water tower from the Anderson's for \$10,000 an acre and pay all costs associated with the land purchase.

Anderson's can farm the land until we need to use it. Record this on the abstract.

There have been a few issues on the fire hall land. The committee is waiting on a response from Kent to know its next steps.

City Clean up day has been set for May 6, 2017 from 9-Noon.

The Council is ok with the changes the City Attorney made to the draft of the updated Tobacco Ordinance. They would like the changes made and ready for the April meeting.

The chemicals for the pond will run around \$4,900-\$5,000 this year.

A motion was made by Steffenson, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the purchase of chemical from Hawkins in the amount of \$5,000 for the sewer ponds.

The Board of Review has been set for April 19th at 1 PM at City Hall.
Diana leaves for the clerk's conference tomorrow.

The water run off on Woodside Street North goes onto private property. The City will work on either purchasing the land or getting an easement for the pipe.

The City got updated quotes for the safety grant application. The Council would like a list with updated prices at the April meeting.

The announcers stand is clear of asbestos and there are 4 window glazes in the Husted house that have asbestos. The Council wants the removal of the asbestos items to be included with the demo of the property and start advertising for bids.

Darek was wondering what scope of control the employee committee had. They are to follow the employee handbook and work on updating it with the new current rules and laws.

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

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Olson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM.

Diana K. Olson