

January 9, 2017

The City Council met in the Council Room on January 9, 2017 with the following members present: Chuck Steffenson, Monica Olson, Mayor Terry Aasness, Darek Buse & Bobbie Batesole and the following absent: NONE

Others Present: Jenny Westrom, Tim Fenlason, Richard Novonty, Jamie Englund, Lloyd Schecker, Laurie Lee, Ardell Hendrickson, Jerry Buse and Diana K. Olson

Terry, Chuck, Darek & Bobbie were sworn in to fill their Council seats.

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 January 9th agenda with the addition of the Lucas Devise & Dogs.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the December 12th Council Minutes.

The Fire Department applied to Bremer for a grant to purchase a Lucas Devise. The Fire department received the grant and the Lucas devise is here and in the 1st Responder van if needed.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Steffenson and carried to appoint Monica Olson as Acting Mayor.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Olson and carried to retain First Security Bank, Evansville as the official depository and Viking Savings Association, Alexandria as a back up and for investments.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Steffenson and carried to retain The Record as the official newspaper and the Fergus Falls Daily Journal as backup.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint Terry Aasness to the board of health for a 3-year term. Others on are 2015- Missy Englund, 2016-Jamie Englund.
Aasness abstained

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Batesole and carried to retain Mike Dolan from Thornton, Reif, Dolan, Bowen & Klecker Law Office as the City Attorney.

A motion was made by Steffenson, seconded by Olson and carried to appoint the Fire Chief as the NIMS Coordinator.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Steffenson and carried to appoint Monica & Darek to the employee committee.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Steffenson and carried to set the Council meeting dates for the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at City Hall.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Buse and carried to appoint Monica and Chuck to the water tower committee.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Steffenson and carried to appoint Monica and Bobbie to the school lease committee.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Olson and carried to hire Advanced Health, Safety & Security to do the asbestos abatement at the Husted house and announcers stand for an amount of \$450.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Olson and carried to pay the Council for the workshop they held on the finances.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Buse and carried to approve the IRS mileage rate of \$.53.5 per mile for 2017.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Steffenson and carried to continue the Law Enforcement Contract with the Douglas County Sheriffs Department for 20 hours per month at \$38.67 per hour.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Buse and carried to allow Council and employees to attend conferences and trainings.

Diana will be gone January 13-23.

The LP heater in the shop is not working.

Zeigler has been working on the loader as the ride control is not working correctly.

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Steffenson and carried to purchase a 100,000 BTU heater for the shop for \$806.83.

The County will put up a yield sign on County Road 5.

Ben Hohman would be interested in being a back up snow plow driver.

Jerry and Bob met with Tim from Apex about the water treatment plant. They discussed different options for treatment and the tower.

There was a compliment about how clean the streets are from the snow plow drivers.

Terry got a letter from Mankato about the new requirements for phosphorus.

The Council would not like to continue their membership for the Central Lakes Trail.

It was brought up that lots of houses do not have their 911 numbers on them. It makes it very difficult for the 1st responders and fire fighters to respond to the correct house without the house numbers on the front where they are visible.

The Council received a copy of the outstanding debt of the City as of December 31, 2016 which was \$3,493,503.24.

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

A motion was made by Buse, seconded by Olson and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 PM.

Diana K. Olson