

Center City Council March 7, 2016

Regular meeting of the Center City Council was called to order by Sandy Olin at 7:00 pm at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center. Present were council members Eric Casson, JD Hanson, Dallas Morast, City Attorney John Mahoney, Auditor Terrie Nehring, and City Clerk Sondra Falter.

Morast moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Casson seconded the motion, roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

Morast moved to approve the bills from the previous meeting. Casson seconded the motion, roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

Bills on hand were presented for payment. Morast moved to approve and pay bills except RDO, seconded by Casson, roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried. Bills are Ameripride 256.22, C-Ram 65.00, Center Coal 601.28, Center Machine 69.41, Corner Express 492.25, D & E Supply 185.33, Dallas Sailer Enterprises 501.00, Job Service 8.97, MassMutual Financial Group 800.00, Master Fire & Safety 266.75, MDU 3541.15, Menards 55.70, ND League of Cities 285.00, NDDOH Microbiology 48.00, Office of State Tax Commissioner 23.58, Oliver County Auditor 8944.61, RDO 3961.29, Security First Bank 6.43, Southwest Water Authority 4569.58, Terrie Nehring 41.40, Waste Management of ND 8435.24, WRT 572.42, and WSI 1186.95.

Personal Appearances:

Dave Hilliard with the Sheriff's department was present. He did not have anything to present at this time.

Community Club would like the highway closed for Old Settlers, they will use free standing panels to block areas. The state will need to be contacted for the road closure.

Jody Wolf would like to have a beer garden during Old Settlers. We will need a plan of the exact location prior to approval. They were also made aware that wrist bands are needed, and no glass containers are allowed.

Carmen Reed needs one more contractors bid regarding the generator. Skeels was suggested. May 12th @ 7pm is sky warns - watching the weather at the Oliver ambulance building.

Joe Nickles assessed 363 trees in our area. He stated we have a young forest with a large portion being ash. His report showed which trees where of low quality. Joe also discussed Emerald Ash Borer which could affect our ash trees in the future. Emerald Ash Borer feed on the foliage and eats the inside of the tree, which is a treat to the overall trees survival. He recommended to not planting any more ash trees. He did state there are grants available to plant trees on public property.

Scott Keith and Brent Isaak with the Golf Board were present. They would like the city to guarantee a \$25,000 loan. This loan would be used to resurface the pond and purchase new pumps. The pond is currently leaking a lot of water. Resurfacing the pond would save on the water cost as well as extend the life of the pond. The old pumps started quickly which caused equipment to wear out faster, the new

pumps start slowly which will increase the life of our equipment. Morast moved to approve the City as a guarantor for the \$25,000 bank loan provided the golf course board makes the payments, seconded by Hanson. Roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

Brandon Mortenson would like the current invoice paid for work that has already been completed. Original contract was pulled to see why the budget was exceeded. Original contract stated damper and valves are not covered. They were not able to rebuild the valves, therefore they was an extra charge to replace these. Hanson moved to approve the payment for Mortenson Electric, seconded by Casson. Roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

Brandon Mortenson also stated the damper system needs to be replaced. Our current damper system is not getting information that it needs to shut off when the room has reached the set temp on the thermostat. Events in the civic center were discussed, as we would like it to be a comfortable temp for people renting the civic center. A new damper would be easier to maintain as well as fix. The damper system does not guarantee the A/C will work. Morast moved to approve the new damper system and the payment of 50% down, seconded by Casson. Roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

Old Business:

City Council Appointment Hanson and Casson stated to wait till June to appoint new city council.

Lomar F flood zone has changed; a map of the new flood zone was presented. Hanson moved to approve the signing of form MT-2, seconded by Casson. Roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

Attorney fees of other cities were given out at the previous meeting. Morast asked to wait till next meeting when information was present.

The City Equalization Meeting is April 12th at 6:30pm; City Council will also have their meeting on April 12th @ 7pm.

Casson presented an invoice of the parts and materials the county put into the wood chipper to get it working. The city would like to sell the wood chipper to the county for \$1,600. The \$1,600 takes into consideration the price we wanted for the equipment less the amount the county paid to fix the wood chipper. Morast moved to approve selling the wood chipper to the county in conjunction that we can utilize the equipment if needed, seconded by Casson. Roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

New Business:

Morast moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement, seconded by Casson. Roll call voting, all voting aye, motion carried.

Oliver County Sheriff Depot 10% increase will wait until closer to budget and an accurate amount of increases in expenses will be needed.

An Appointment will be made for Larry Metzger JDA Resignation.

Traps for feral cats can be picked up from the city office.

Tyler Wells's trailer was discussed.

Nehring provided information on the Demographic Conference for the council members if they would like to attend.

There will not be a water or sewer base reduction for the Myron Brown House.

The water fountain by the east meeting room is out of service and outdated. We need to get an estimate to replace this water fountain.

The Speaker System on Main Street is not working properly. They would like to upgrade the system.

April 26th at 4pm will be Sondra Falter's review. Olin and Morast will be present.

Street light on Main Street by the golden age club is not working. The center sign as you come into town is broke. Sign on Bridge Avenue is leaning. The City Office will follow up to get these items fixed.

Terrie Nehring salary increase after review. Morast motioned to give Terrie Nehring a \$1 an hour raise, seconded by Hanson. Roll call voting, Casson "no", Hanson "yes", Morast "yes", motion passed with majority vote.

Harold Wilkins with the Park Board was present. He asked about the size of the allotted park space in the New Hazel Minor addition. The size of the area for the park is 140' x 70'. Set back requirements do need to be followed.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Terrie Nehring
City Auditor

Sandy Olin
Mayor

