

City Council Meeting  
May 6, 2019

Regular meeting of the Center City Council was called to order by Mayor Wilkens at 7:00 pm at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center. Council members present Hoffman, Schutt, Hanson, City Auditor and City Attorney.

Addition to the agenda after Portfolios, letter from City Engineer AJ Tuck. **Hoffman moved to approve the agenda with addition, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

**Hoffman moved to approve the April meeting minutes, seconded by Hanson, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

Treasures report discussion. Schutt will contact the Sheriff Dept and look into water account 0865 and 0705.

Bills on hand were presented for payment. Hoffman inquired about Christmas lights that were ordered, Auditor confirmed they were ordered. **Hoffman moved to approve claims approval excluding the Electro Watchman bill, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all aye, motion passed.** Bills paid: Ameripride 401.90, BHG 208.04, C S Doors 1,390.00, Center Machine 78.00, Coca Cola Bottling High Country 169.50, Cooling and Heating Unlimited 1,100.25, Core and Main 2,680.57, D & E Supply 285.10, Dave's Sales and Service 55.94, J. P. Cooke company 60.50, LSI 7,104.71, MAC'S 59.91, Mandan Northwest Pipe Fitting 138.42, MDU 5,343.45, Oliver County 14,520.11, One Call 12.00, Pahoda 43.85, Rud Propane 1,867.97, Southwest Water Authority 6,146.82, Superpumper Inc. 1,615.59, Swanston 489.59, Waste Management of ND 9,047.11, WRT 480.78.

#### Personal Appearances

Sherriff Department not present.

Dave Berger presented the addition of two sheriffs Friday and Saturday night of Old Settlers celebration. Auditor will email the sheriffs dept about an actual cost to approve prior to Old Settlers. Mr. Berger also proposed a community picnic, and advertising with BHG. Auditor stated this had been previously approved by council. Discussion. Mr. Berger stated he'd spoken with BHG and this ad was not the same one as previously approved. **Hanson moved to go in on a third on the promotional ad through BHG for \$143, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all aye, motion passed.**

Craig Lohstreter of MDU presented the MDU Utility Renewal. Discussion. City Attorney preformed the first reading of the MDU Utility Renewal. City Attorney also notified the council of the reading process and that the ordinance doesn't take effect until the second reading. **Hoffman moved to approve the first reading of the MDU Electrical Easement, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

#### Old Business.

Portfolios: Street portfolio discussion. Auditor updated council on SRF Loan progress and informed council that she will be resigning by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion. Auditor requested wage range council wants

ad ran DOE. Auditor was granted permission to run ad to hire and initiate hiring policy for position will bring applicants to the next meeting.

Email from City Engineer addressing erosion in the industrial park. Discussion on erosion on the creek near the intersection of Market and Center Ave. Auditor will get information to City Engineer and run both to be repaired on bid.

Employee Reviews discussion. Hanson and Hoffman will do employee reviews and negotiations. These will take place mid-June.

Property sale request discussion. Legal description of property will be brought to next meeting by City Attorney.

Vacant Council Position discussion. Auditor will reach out to school to try to coordinate both elections together. If not able to run together the election will still be at the same time. **Hanson moved to hold the City special election the same day as the Center Stanton School Board elations, seconded by Hoffman, roll vote, all aye, motion passed.**

Butcher shop discussion. Incentive based info for new business in industrial lot option discussion. **Hanson moved to initiate a new business incentive to defer water and sewer hookup fee of \$7,500 for a period of one year beginning at the time of hookup, then waiving the full amount of \$7,500 if the business in operation one year after the defer start date (hookup date), seconded by Hoffman, roll vote, all aye, motion passed.**

Lone Wolf Saloon dumpster discussion. A dumpster is still not there, WM has confirmed that the account is delinquent and needs to be brought current prior to receiving services. Discussion. Councilman Schutt will speak with Lone Wolf Saloon owner.

New Business.

Charge Account at Superpumper discussion. **Hanson moved to open charge a charge account at Superpumper with each vehicle assigned a number and separate pins for each driver, seconded by Hoffman, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

**Hanson moved to approve the first reading of the City Floodplain Management Ordinance with public hearing to be held with second reading at the June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, seconded by Hoffman, roll vote, all voting aye, motion passed.**

Audit will June 10<sup>th</sup>, Auditor will ask if they'll do it to the current date for new Auditor to start with clean slate.

**Hanson moved to designate Center Republican as the official newspaper of the City, seconded by Hoffman, roll vote, all aye, motion passed.**

David Helm discussion. Sign will be removed, Auditor will check with BNI if we can place the sign on their property.

Walt Olsen letter. Discussion. Requesting his presence at the next meeting.

Tree Stump discussion. Surveillance discussion. Signage discussion.

**Hanson moved to approve the Small Hands Daycare 50/50 raffle request, seconded by Schutt, roll vote, all aye, motion passed.**

Jody Wolf beer garden request. **Hanson moved to approve Jody Wolf's beer garden request, seconded by Hoffman, roll vote, all aye, motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

Next May 6th 7:00pm