

Regular Council Meeting  
January 26, 2015

Council President Roger Jensen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present were council members Bruce Swihart, Dale Weeks and Carla Lampe. Also present were JR Landenberger, Mike Day and Glorianne Milne. **Minutes** from the January 12 meeting were read. A motion was made by Carla and seconded by Dale to approve the minutes as corrected.

**Charter Ordinance 2015-1:** Mike prepared a charter ordinance allowing appointed officials to reside outside of the city limits. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to adopt CHARTER ORDINANCE 2015-1 - AN ORDINANCE STATING THAT AN APPOINTED CITY OFFICIAL NEED NOT BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS. Swihart – aye; Lampe – aye; Weeks - aye.

**Minutes of Special Meeting** on January 22 were read. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Carla to approve the minutes as read.

**Police Report:** Shane said they made it through the snow and ice without any problems. He and Wes will be going to training February 9 – 13. The Sheriff's office was willing to cover during this time. The radar speed signs on the highway are great. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Bruce to accept and file the police report.

**Old Business:**

**Citizens for a New Pool:** Holly Hingst, Trista Smull and Mila Bandel were present representing the Citizens for a New Pool. The Community Foundation has raised \$100,000 and they would like to move forward but felt they needed representation from the city. Mike will contact John Bird of Hays for information on interlocal agreements. A committee was appointed to explore the options on behalf of the city. The members are Trista, Holly, Mila, Bruce Swihart, Margaret Poling and Penny Gienger.

**Keller's Pond:** Roger was impressed with the design for the west side of the Riverwalk. That would be the main entrance for Keller's Pond and the Riverwalk. The east side would be a pedestrian entrance only. The trees need to be planted this year and the bridge rebuilt plus a new bridge constructed.

**Park Chemical Bids:** JR clarified the information on the two bids for park chemicals. The St. Francis Equity was the only bid with the actual chemicals requested. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Dale to accept their bid of \$7,566.75.

**Bird City Recycle Agreement:** It was moved by Dale and seconded by Bruce to approve the Bird City Recycle agreement as to form. It will be officially adopted after Bird City has approved it. The agreement asks for \$1.50 per meter from Bird City and better sorting of the recyclable materials.

**EMS Building Agreement:** The EMS Building agreement with the county will remain the same for now. JR will check on the cost of utilities.

**Law Enforcement:** This will be discussed when the full council is present.

**New Business:**

**Airport Authority:** Bruce Swihart and Dave Yost were appointed to the Airport Authority.

**Water Emergency Plan:** It was moved by Carla and seconded by Dale to approve the Water Emergency Plan for 2015.

**Resolution 2015-1 GAAP:** It was moved by Dale and seconded by Carla to accept Resolution 2015-1, a waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

**Appoint Housing Authority Board:** It was moved by Carla and seconded by Dale to appoint the following members to the Housing Authority Board: Richard Grace, Carol Rogers, Lynnette Nolan, Eric Fiala and Leslie Hook.

**Health Insurance:** Brian Strother of Strother Insurance would like to present a health insurance plan. The Blue Cross renewal was available with a 2% increase in the \$1500 deductible and a .35% decrease in the High Deductible plan. The council agreed to stay with Blue Cross.

**Library Report:** A written report was submitted by Pat Leibbrandt, librarian and signed by the library board. The council reviewed and approved the report.

**Building Permits:** It was moved by Dale and seconded by Carla to approve the following building permits: Greg Potter, Morton Building; Mark Jenik, shed.

**Superintendent's Report:** The warmer weather has caused the usual water leaks. The new trash truck is here. The water tap equipment was located. JR would like to get a small enclosed trailer in which to keep all of the water equipment. It could easily be taken to a water leak or water tap that way. He will get some prices. Gordon Ross is still working on the handrails. The materials he tried were too brittle so another plan has been developed. Kip Rethke looked at the power plant roof today and JR will have a bid at the next meeting. The city owns a grader that has been at Yost's for six years. They have been offered \$2500 for it. The council agreed to accept this offer. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to accept and file the superintendent's report.

**Attorney's Report:** Mike will send letters to the unsuccessful city clerk applicants.

**Clerk's Report:** Glori reported that the United Methodist Church was considering putting in a splash park on their empty lot at 100 W Webster. Dennon Flemming asked if they would need anything from the city other than a building permit. It would be on private property and privately insured. A building permit should be all that's needed for the city. Lila will be hired as an office assistant and start as soon as possible. Jen will be a valuable asset in the training process. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to approve the clerk's report.

**Consent Agenda:** It was moved by Dale and seconded by Bruce to approve the following items on the consent agenda: Permission for clerk to pay KMU dues of \$1,919.00.

**Council Comments:** Carla thought the interview process went very well. Roger said Robert Grace approached him about accepting credit/debit cards at the theater. The clerk's office will look into the possibility.