

Regular Council Meeting
February 9, 2015

Mayor Scott Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present were council members Roger Jensen, Bruce Swihart, Dale Weeks, Paula Keller and Carla Lampe. Also present were JR Landenberger, Mike Day, Lila Whitmore and Glorianne Milne.

Minutes from the January 26 meeting were read. A motion was made by Carla and seconded by Roger to approve the minutes as read.

Consent Agenda: It was moved by Dale and seconded by Paula to approve the following items on the consent agenda: permission for clerk to pay insurance and utilities at time of billing; permission for clerk to pay utility incentives before the 25th of the month, permission for clerk to pay theater bills when due and permission to pay NWK Planning & Development Dues of \$2,164.00

Old Business:

Citizens for a New Pool: Holly Hingst, Margaret Poling and Trista Smull were present to discuss the next step in building a new pool. After discussion, it was moved by Roger and seconded by Bruce that the City of St. Francis explore the funding and construction of a new swimming pool in conjunction with an interlocal agreement with the Recreation Commission. Motion carried. Mike will set up a meeting with representatives from Gilmore and Bell, bond attorneys, for March 9 at 6:00 pm. Members of the Recreation Commission and New Pool Committee will be invited to attend. Expenses for travel and per diem will be paid out of the New Pool Fund at the City.

Keller's Pond: Roger will be giving a presentation at the RC&D meeting tomorrow on the plans for the Riverwalk and Keller's Pond.

Health Insurance: It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to allow the mayor to sign the Blue Cross Blue Shield contract for 2015. City Contributions to the Health Savings Account of those employees taking the high deductible health plan will be \$2039.00. This is the difference between the average cost of the \$1500 deductible plan and the average cost of the high deductible plan.

Bird City Recycle Agreement: Roger presented the proposed contract to the Bird City City Council February 2. They are waiting to get citizen input before signing the agreement.

Law Enforcement: It was agreed to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss law enforcement personnel.

New Business:

KRWA Delegate: JR was named the voting delegate with John Larson as the alternate for the KRWA meeting in March.

Mobile Home Park Licenses: It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Roger to approve Mobile Home Park Licenses for 2015 for Eldon Zimbelman and Tommie Peter. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: JR would like to give the county another opportunity to take the EMS building. If not, the numbers in the old contract will be updated with the new contributions and utility rates. The low bidder on rebuilding the electrical line to the water wells has given a deadline of tomorrow for that price. After discussion, the council reconsidered the bids from the three entities and declined to accept the bids. The contractors should resubmit bids within two weeks. Kip Rethke gave an estimate of \$5,720.00 to clean and reline the specified portion of the power plant roof. It was agreed to go ahead with the work. There have been more water leaks with the springlike weather. JR is working on identifying the old valve systems so that repairs can be made with less disruption of service. There is a problem with erosion at the sewer ponds. It is difficult to keep the ponds at the proper level to prevent the erosion. JR will have Miller & Associates develop a plan to fix the dykes and for a gravity system that would keep the ponds at the proper levels. That should prevent future erosion problems and the cost of repairs. JR has been looking at street work for this year. Repairs are needed on College Street by the high school. The parking area belongs to the school and could involve them. Water seeps up under the street every year when the frost comes out. He will get estimates on the repairs. The city will need to sign an agreement with KMEA and pass a resolution to keep our WAPA power. It was moved by Roger and seconded by Carla to pass Resolution 2015-2 giving JR the authority to allow KMEA to extend the city's WAPA power. Motion carried.

The offer of \$2500 on the old grader included \$500 delivery cost. The council agreed to give JR the authority to get what he can out of it but no less than \$2000. It was moved by Bruce and seconded by Carla to accept and file the Superintendent's Report.

Clerk's Report: Glori reported that there were no workman's compensation claims in 2014 and asked permission to purchase \$25 safety awards for the employees. The office is researching another option to add to the T shirts. Glori also asked if the council would be in favor of getting Lila some polo shirts to wear in the office. It was agreed to do so. Band Shell applications have been received from Western State Bank for an Easter Egg Hunt and the Alumni Association for the Alumni event in June. Fees will be waived for these events. Eagle has provided their cable offerings, rates and liability insurance information for the council. The city also received a franchise check for \$811.09. Glori asked permission for the mayor to sign a KPERS form making Lila the Designated Agent. Helen Dobbs asked when the city would be paying their contribution for 2015. It was agreed to go ahead and pay the it now. Glori asked permission to pay the library their tax allocation of \$17,200.13. It was moved by Paula and seconded by Bruce to accept and file the clerk's report.

Council Comments: Roger mentioned that it would be good for Lila to meet with the Mayor, City Clerk and City Attorney. A meeting will be arranged. Carla had a question regarding the procedure when utilities are disconnected for nonpayment. All bills on **Ordinance #975** were reviewed. It was moved by Dale and seconded by Roger to approve the bills.

At 8:55 it was moved by Carla and seconded by Roger to go into executive session for 30 minutes for personnel. At 9:25 it was moved by Carla to come out of executive session and request another 30 minutes. At 9:55 it was moved and seconded to come out of executive session. Shane will be given the list of 6 directives from the July 24, 2014 meeting. He will be asked to review them and be ready to discuss them with the council at the next meeting. The council would also like to see a sample duty log. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.