Regular Meeting – February 11, 2019

Members Present
Michael Shurson
Jason Casey
Chad Neitzel
Sarah Sundve
Jessie Shaffer

Others Present
Chris Schlaak
Anthony Martens
Pam Goehring
Vera Wilson
Connie Johnson

Wayne Billing
Jessica Lutgens
Larry Goehring
Susan Minter
Gail Schmidt

Members Absent

The meeting called to order by Mayor Michael Shurson at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call - All members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda – Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to approve the agenda. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda – Motion made by Sarah Sundve seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve Consent Items with correction to Jan 28 minutes:

1. Minutes for January 14th & 28th Meetings
2. Accounts Payable
Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Susan Minter – Susan Minter expressed displeasure with the procedure to enter into a contract for organized trash collection in the City. She felt the City should have proposed to residents on a ballot referendum but believed the City didn’t put to a referendum because it would be turned down. Wants to know what the City is doing for people who can’t afford it and want to do things like share the service.

Connie Johnson – Connie Johnson wants to know why it was brought up in the first place. Also, who negotiated the contract, and who has the contract. Wants the matter to be looked into further.

Resolutions

Resolution 19-04 Modifying Fee Schedule - Motion made by Sarah Sundve seconded by Chad Neitzel to adopt Resolution 19-04 modifying the City’s fee schedule. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Police Department – Anthony Martens
• January activity reported.
• Motion made by Sarah Sundve seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve an extended leave of absence for Morgan Charles for active duty enlistment. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
• Chief Martens will attend a League of Minnesota Cities loss control seminar.
• The evidence locker is complete.
• Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to approve the Police Department Report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
Ambulance Department Report – Chris Schlaak

- January activity reported.
- Training progress reported, the three EMT students are participating in student runs.
- Cold weather precautions have been communicated to the members.
- Recall work will be performed on the truck.
- Some coverage is with assistance of Freeborn Ambulance and SCEMS.
- Jason Casey, Council liaison to the Ambulance Department expressed an interest in observing what the department does. Chris will contact and set something up.
- Motion made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve the Ambulance department report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Unfinished Business

Petition – garbage - The petition received at the January 28 meeting was discussed. Jason Casey expressed a continuing interest in forming a committee to reconsider the contract. Michael Shurson read a statement outlining the reasons for going with the contract and the benefits to the City, the majority of the residents and the fact that recent comments have been in favor. Jessie Shaffer state an interest to move forward rather than back. Motion started by Jessie Shaffer to form a committee. Discussion then put the motion on hold until the next meeting to determine wording. Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to reaffirm Resolution 18-08 authorizing the trash collection contract. Carried (4 yes, 1 no – Jason Casey)

New Business

Legion Field – A report made by the committee that met with the NRHEG Board facilities committee to discuss needs for Legion Field. Mowing consistency is an issue for the School as well as a list of items they feel need to be addressed. The replacement of the destroyed dugout being at the top will be address this year. The other items will be tabled until a further meeting with the School and Quad Cities Baseball Association can be arranged and the committee will meet to discuss further.

NRCC – The City has received three applicants for two openings on the Advisory Board. Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jason Casey to ask the candidates for a letter of introduction to the Council to allow all Council members to make an informed decision at the next meeting. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Adjournment – Motion made by Jason Casey and seconded by Chad Neitzel to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5 yes, 0 no) 7:26 p.m.

Wayne Billing
City Clerk/Treasurer