

Regular Meeting – August 26, 2019

Members Present

Michael Shurson
Jenna Pederson
Chad Neitzel
Jason Casey
Sarah Sundve

Members absent

Others Present

Wayne Billing	Chris Schlaak
Brad Field	Jim Lutgens
Ryan Nissen	Chuck Ness
Pam Goehring	Larry Goehring

The meeting was 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 agenda. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Consent Agenda – Motion made by Chad Neitzel seconded by Jason Casey to approve Consent Items:

1. Accounts Payable
2. July 2019 Financial Report

Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Ordinances

Ordinance 19-03 Parking Restrictions – Discussion opened on amendment to amend the parking ordinance to restrict overnight parking at Legion Field. Action may be taken at the next regular Council Meeting.

Peoples Service Report – Brad Field

- Report for July presented.
- Smoke testing will be conducted this week.
- The status of the pump being evaluated was questioned. No information currently.
- Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to approve the Peoples Service Report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Maintenance Department – Ryan Nissen

- The water plant needs replacement of two VFDs on the two high service pumps. The Xcel rebates will substantially cover the cost. Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to approve \$3,788 to replace the two VFDs. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
- The Council asked why water pressure was considerably higher one afternoon. No explanation was apparent.
- The tree replacement at Legion Field that had been scheduled for spring was postponed because of the wet conditions. Will try to get in this fall.
- The possibility of cleaning up the ditch and rail right of way through town was discussed. The time needed would be great. The ditch authority will be contacted about spraying and removing trees from the ditch.
- Motion was made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Jason Casey to approve the Maintenance Department Report. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

N.R. Care Center – Chuck Ness, Administrator

- Financials presented.
- A new Director of Nursing has been hired and is being trained,
- Census is down, all avenues being explored to market openings.
- Working on staffing for better coverage and utilization of personnel.
- The owner of adjacent property is dealing with an individual. If it does not proceed, he will contact the Care Center. The plan would be to pursue expanding into assisted living or another level of care or residency to increase potential marketing.
- Motion made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Chad Neitzel to approve Financial Statements and Accounts Payable for July 2019. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
- The budget for the next fiscal year was presented, including planning to do assisted living and independent living units. The Council will look the budget over, action at the next meeting.
- Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jenna Pederson to approve Care Center report. (5 yes, 0 no)

2019 Budget- Items identified at the special budget meeting were discussed:

- Cancel of the ambulance cell phone, and the fire phone was examined as well. Motion was made by Sarah Sundve and seconded by Jason Casey to cancel the ambulance cell phone for \$ 600 annual savings and the fire phone for a \$144 savings, if no penalty to drop. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)
- The possibility of a raise for the casual maintenance worker studied

Part time Maintenance Budget Cost

o Hours		Annual Cost
min wage (Max salary no PERA)	509	\$ 5,490
Grade 1 \$12.96	509	\$ 7,596
Grade 2 \$14.28	509	\$ 8,370
Grade 3 \$15.69	509	\$ 9,196
Grade 3	800	\$ 14,454

- 2018 Historical excess payment explained – coded incorrectly.
- Possibility of contracting with the Sheriff for police protection. – No response received yet. Mayor made a statement expressing support of the present policing plan used by the City, and confidence in the local department to maintain a professional department within the City. Was in favor of removing the possibility of contract from the budget discussion for 2020. Asked that a motion be presented if the Council wished to proceed with looking at contracting for 2020. Motion was made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Jenna Pederson to make no changes for the Police Department. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Streetlights- Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to change four Broadway cobra head fixtures to LED at a cost of \$3,800 less any Xcel rebate available. Carried (5 yes, 0 no)

Adjournment – Motion made by Chad Neitzel and seconded by Sarah Sundve to adjourn the meeting. Carried (5 yes, 0 no) 7:30 p.m.

Wayne Billing
City Clerk/Treasurer