

**CITY OF EYOTA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 13, 2014**

Members Present: Mayor Tyrel Clark, Tony Nelson and Bryan Cornell

Members Absent: Ray Schuchard and Kurt Holst

Staff Present: Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer and Jerry Pike, Assistant Fire Chief

**Call to Order:** Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the consent agenda items 4.A through 4.D as presented. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 4.B"

- 4.A. Approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 regular Council meeting
- 4.B. Approve Resolution #2014-09 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ACCEPTANCE OF, APPRECIATION FOR AND DESIGNATION OF DONATIONS RECEIVED to the Fire Department, \$395 from numerous parties to be used for future equipment
- 4.C. Authorize the Fire Department to purchase a piercing nozzle with donated funds.
- 4.D. Authorize four Fire Department members to attend the FDIC annual conference:  
Jeremy Newton, Jerry Pike, Tony Deutmeyer and Scott Trostad

**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** Assistant Chief Pike reported the Department is upgrading to a web interface computer for the I am Responding system. There have been numerous traffic accident calls since the first of the year. Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to authorize purchasing miscellaneous gear and supplies from MES: safety vest, gloves, flashlights, face shields, etc., \$1,383.02. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried.

**Eyota Ambulance Service Members:** Clark reported the Ambulance Service was able to cut some cost on their building which will now allow them to cement the entire floor, upgrade the heating system and increase the sleeping rooms from two to three.

**Park Board:** Knowlton reported the Board: made no decisions on the West Side Park women's bathroom improvements, park benches are still being altered by the School, and a status report was given on the summer rec program.

The Council requested the Board research ideas to finish/improve the back side of the score boards in West Side Park. Possibly with a welcome to Eyota type message, or something to identify the park or ball fields.

**Clerk's Report:** No report.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

**DESCASD Sewer District Sewer Availability Charge:** The Council discussed submitting a resolution to the Sewer District requesting the sewer availability charge (SAC) be waived in 2014 and 2015 to encourage new home building and to be competitive with area cities for residential growth. Because there was not a full a council and knowing there are difference of opinions, no action was taken. Knowlton was directed to inform the Sewer District that the resolution did not pass and the City of Eyota does not have an opinion (no consensus) at this time if the SAC fees should be or should not be waived.

**Frozen Water Pipes:** Numerous property owners are running their water to try to avoid frozen water lines; the City has already committed to waive the charge for that extra water above the users average use over the past four months. In reference to the few that have frozen pipes, the Council agreed the City will continue with the normal policy for repairs and replacements of water lines: from the main up to and including the water shut off is the City's responsibility, from there into the house is the property owners' responsibility.

Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to send a recommendation to the DESCASD Sewer District to waive the fees charged to the City for the excess water from people running their water to avoid freezing lines. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried.

**Accounts Payable:** Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the accounts payable as presented in the amount of \$43,164.54. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.C"

**Other Business:**

**Computer Replacement:** Council requested budget information to be presented at the next meeting in order to replace the office computers for Public Works and the Fire Department.

**Summer Part-time Help:** Brad Boice, Tyrel Clark, Bryan Cornell and Marlis Knowlton will work together to make a recommendation to the Council to hire a part-time person for summer mowing, park maintenance, utility markings (GIS program) and/or whatever other tasks may be considered. Possibly advertise for a student as an intern in a building, utility and maintenance program.

**Adjourn:** Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to adjourn. Ayes (3), Nays (0). Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

  
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Tyrel Clark  
Mayor

  
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Marlis Knowlton  
Clerk/Treasurer