

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – WORK MEETING
Meeting held jointly at the Eyota Township Board Meeting
DECEMBER 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Facility

Members Present: Mayor Tyrel Clark, Tony Nelson and Ray Schuchard

Members Absent: Bryan Cornell and Kurt Holst

Staff Present: Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer and Fire Department Members: Jeff Peck, Justin Wendt and Bill Mac Monegle

This meeting was a council work meeting, no motions were intended to be made, but a quorum was anticipated. The Eyota Council was considered guests at the Township meeting. Eyota Township Board members present: Bob Pennington, Jim Schumann, Dan O’Neill, Dennis Kullot and Luverne Hammel.

Group discussion with the Township, Council and Fire Department Officers:

Extrication equipment was ordered for the new fire truck by Fire Department personnel, without authorization. This equipment was originally assumed to be included with the truck, it was not. The equipment was determined to be necessary; it is prudent to replace the current outdated extrication equipment. It was discussed in detail: how this equipment was ordered, who ordered it, how the equipment will be paid for, the need for purchase authorizations, the need for communication between the three entities and the need for this type of situation not to happen again.

The Township Board had questions and concerns regarding the legal structure of the Fire Department. Which entity or entities have legal ownership and responsibility for all Fire Department activities and need documentation to prove it. It was requested by the Township and agreed that this should be explored. The Township will do some research, talk about it at their January meeting and the entities will plan on meeting in February to discuss it. It was suggested an option may be to establish a joint powers. The Fire Protection Agreement with the Township and City expires at year end. All agreed it should be continued as written until such time the entities can meet and discuss the legal structure and ownership issues.

Discussed briefly the City compost site recently established at the Harnack residence is for Eyota citizens only; but it will be up to the property owner to decide if it will accept materials from township residents.

The Township agreed and motioned that Engine #5; the 1992 International will be the engine to be sold. It has not yet been determined how it will be sold.

The question arose, if a Fire Fighter is traveling to training or responding to a call and using their own vehicle, what happens if they are in an accident. This will be investigated for clarification.

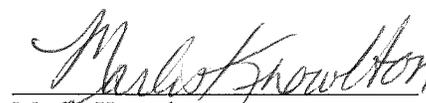
The 2016 City Fire Department budget was given to the Township.

It was agreed that the City will wait to hear from the Township before any 2016 joint meetings are scheduled.

The City Council left the Township meeting approximately 8:00 p.m.



Tyrel Clark
Mayor



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer