

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2015

Members Present: Tyrel Clark, Tony Nelson, Ray Schuchard, Kurt Holst and Bryan Cornell

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

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

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Holst to approve the agenda with the addition of Reports 4.E. Ambulance Board Members meeting and 4.F. Chester Woods trail. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to approve the consent agenda items 4.A through 4.D as presented. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibits 4.B"

4.A. Minutes of the February 12, 2015 regular Council meeting were approved

4.B. RESOLUTION #2015-11 RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ACCEPTANCE OF, APPRECIATION FOR AND DESIGNATION OF DONATIONS RECEIVED, \$300.00, cash donations from numerous parties, designates the funds to the Fire Department Fund for the purchase of future equipment to be determined, passed.

4.C. Eyota Days Committee Lawful Gambling request to operate a raffle in conjunction with the Dover Eyota Eagles Foundation fund raiser March 14 was approved.

4.D. Lodging expenses to be reimbursed to Bruce Gasner while attending Fire Department extrication training was approved.

REPORTS:

DESCASD Sewer Board: Schuchard reported District assets of \$1,175,386.54. Craig Ferguson's business location will be charged a flat fee starting in April in lieu of proper connection procedure. Last month there were no plant violations. Recently solids were spread without having the land tested first, operator will be written up; unknown if there will be a fine.

Planning Commission: No report, no meeting was held in February.

Economic Development Authority: Cornell reported Arbor Gardens has five open apartments and contribute it to changing times and the need for memory care units. Arbor Gardens Director Don Rademacher was invited to the next Council meeting to discuss the changes needed and the cost to convert units back to memory care. Board reviewed the transportation video service plan and Kevin Kelleher, Department of Employment and Economic Development explained shovel ready sites and other programs available.

The EDA recommended the City review and update the current firearms ordinance; suggested referring to Rochester's ordinance. Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Nelson to request the Planning Commission review and revise the firearms ordinance #75. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Arbor Gardens is a recipient of a matching Operation Round Up grant through People's Energy Cooperative, grant amount \$1,218, for an in house community television channel and two i-pads for residents use. Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to authorize the matching \$1,218 be paid out of the Arbor Gardens enterprise fund #655. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Clerks Report: No report.

Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Board of Directors: Clark reported on the February 22 meeting, they welcomed representatives to the Board from Marion Township. Review of the 2014 budget resulted in approximately \$50,000 revenues exceeding expenses; revenues include the building donations from the entities served by the service. It should also be noted that the Director Chris Arendt and his wife, Vicki, do not receive a salary, per their own request. The current ambulance is a 2004, should last a few more years; new ambulances today cost as much as \$270,000.

Chester Woods Trail: Construction of the trail between Rochester and Chester Woods will begin in 2015. It will only be gravel; funds to pave it are still needed in excess of one million dollars. The Department of Natural Resources is talking to land owners between Chester Woods and Eyota, land price negotiations are delaying progress. Wabasha County continues to negotiate with Canadian Pacific Railroad regarding the section of trail between County Road 9 and Highway 14. The Chester Woods Trail Committee would welcome new members!

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Compost/Brush Site: Public Works Supervisor Brad Boice discussed ideas and recommendations with the Council to develop a plan to take to the MinnErgy property owners to consider a city site on their property. After consideration, the site would be similar to Dover's regarding materials. Accept leaves, grass and garden waste; and brush up to four inches in diameter. No compost or any type of fill: rock, sand, gravel, dirt, etc. Request using the building site, city would make improvements to the gravel driveway and install an entrance gate near the road. Council consensus: Boice should contact MinnErgy and propose this plan.

Other Public Works Issues Discussed:

Knowledge Road: There was a complaint received regarding a dip in Knowledge Road. Council agreed warning signs are not required. Roads lift from the frost, and go back down in the spring.

Mower: Discussed replacing a mower with a larger one, possibly an eleven foot mower. Prices for used and new mowers range anywhere from \$18,500 to \$58,000. Council instructed Boice to continue to investigate both new and used; although leaning more towards a new mower.

Resolution Supporting State Funding for City Streets: The League of Minnesota Cities requested cities consider passing a resolution in support of a funding bill to dedicate state funding for city streets. No action was taken.

West Side Connection Trail Project Contract: The construction bids for the West Side Connection Trail construction project were opened February 5. Six bids were received and were reviewed for accuracy by WHKS & Co., city engineers. The lowest bidder submitted the bid without the new owner or corporate officer signature required by Minnesota State Statute section 16C.285, to verify them as a responsible bidder. City Attorney Fred Suhler recommended the Council reject that bid as non-responsive and award the contract to the second lowest bidder.

Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Holst to reject the Fitzgerald Excavation & Trucking, Inc. bid as non-responsive and award the contract to Rochester Sand & Gravel in the amount of \$139,936.50. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried

Schedule Special Meeting: Request to schedule a special Council meeting, for the purpose of a public informational meeting Tuesday, March 10. The City Engineers will explain preliminary plans for the 2015 Street and Utility Improvement Project. Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to schedule a special Council meeting on March 10, 7:00 p.m. at the Eyota Volunteer Ambulance Service facility, as a public informational meeting addressing the 2015 Street and Utility Improvement Project plans. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

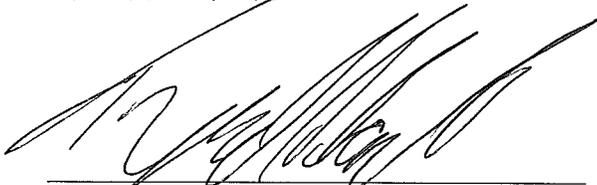
Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$21,905.93. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.E"

Any Other Business: none

Closed Meeting: Mayor Clark declared a closed meeting, beginning at 8:20 p.m., to discuss the property: City Lands 106-12-14 Block 1, PIN 62.14.22.028643, approximately eleven and one half acres located in the northeast corner of the intersection of Highway 42 and Second Street SW owned by Dorothy Jones; for the purpose of discussing details of the purchase agreement. This is in accordance with State Statute 13D.05.

The regular meeting was reopened at 8:30 p.m. Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the vacant land purchase agreement items as discussed. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



Tyrel Clark
Mayor



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer