

**MINUTES OF ELLENDALE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING,
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019
7:30 PM**

Mayor Russell Goette called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present were: Mayor Russell Goette, Council members Duane Goebel, Scott Groth, Stephanie Kibler and Steve Engel.

Absent: None

Visitors – Star Eagle Reporter (Jim Lutgens) and BP Times Dennis Marshall

Also, in attendance: Clerk Lee Ann Hojberg and Maintenance Superintendent Josh Otto

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Goette

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Agenda for the evening was approved on a motion by Stephanie Kibler and second by Duane Goebel. Motion carried.

Consent Items

A motion was made by Scott Groth and second by Stephanie Kibler to accept the Minutes, Financial Reports and Claims. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

Reports:

Maintenance Updates:

Josh shared that he was asked if the city was going to do anything with the basketball court this summer. It was shared that we may be doing something but no final decision had been made as we are still having CEDA look for possible grant monies to help with this.

Next, Josh shared that Steele County called asking if the City would like to go in with them on some chip sealing of roads. Josh would like to do 2nd street from 5th to 8th Ave and one block of 3rd street north and south of 5th Ave. at a cost of approximately \$11,520.00. A motion was made by Steve Engel and second by Scott Groth to work with Steele County to chip seal these areas. Motion carried.

Next Josh shared that so far, the flooding in town has not been bad. The sewer ponds have been handling this very well. There were some issues with water in Crown Ridge with the melting snow. Josh went out and move some snow so that hopefully it will run off and not into residents' homes.

Next, we decided to move the truck quotes from the unfinished business to here. Josh shared that he was able to find the truck cheaper through the state contract site. With this being cheaper he was able to add on more items and it is still going to cost less money. He also decided to go with the standard truck bed and add side tool boxes instead. A motion was made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Duane Goebel to go with the quote from Midway Ford of \$29,886.45 plus sales tax and financed through First National Bank (Ellendale) with an interest rate of 4.75 %. Motion carried.

Next a motion was made by Duane Goebel and second by Steve Engel to purchase the side tool boxes from Ronco at the cost of \$2,206.00. Motion carried.

Next Josh shared the Fluoride Injector was not working properly but he was able to get this fixed without having to replaced it.

Next, he shared that his Water operating license is up for renewal at a cost of \$23.00. He has all his training hours in and we just need to send this in. He will get all the paper work filled out and bring the form down for Lee Ann to issue a check to get this sent in. This is due by the end of April.

NCummins was in doing the maintenance work on the generators. The generator at the main lift station is not working. They were not able to get this to power on. They sent in a new quote to fix this. The cost was \$1,689.53. A motion was made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Steve Engel to get the maintenance done on the generator so it will be workable again. Lee Ann will sign the estimate and sent back to them on Friday.

Mayor Goette asked Josh if the dialer at the lift station could be checked to make sure that it is working? Josh said that it could be and he will work on getting this done.

Clerk items:

Lee Ann shared we have received the paper work for the donation from Otto Bremer Trust for the Fire Departments Grass Rig. The grant/donation was for \$50,940.00. A motion was made by Steve Engel and second by Duane Goebel to accept the grant money from Otto Bremer Trust. Motion carried.

The Pump House next to the Community Center is finally sealed. It took twice the amount of cement that was quoted due to the specification that were given by the Minnesota Department of Health in the process of being sealed. Once we receive the bill and get this paid, we can send the gran information to the MDH and get our money back. Lee Ann did call and talk to the MDH to see if there is any other help that the City could get. There is nothing additional. It was discussed that we need to make calls to the state sharing the additional costs that we encounter due to their specification. We can contact Jan Milke or Margarete Kelly or the Environmental Health Tom [Hougan](#).

Comment [LH1]:

Next Lee Ann shared that Marty Walsh (CEDA) is planning an Action Planning work session on Thursday March 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the City Council Chambers. This will be about 2-hour meeting.

Lee Ann will be getting the audit information to Andy by the end of next week.

Unfinished Business:

Consent Items pulled for Consideration: Nothing

Morton Building update: Mayor Goette shared he has been trying to contact Mr. Senske and he has not returned his calls. Russ will try again next week.

City Truck quotes – this was discussed during the Maintenance updates.

Fire Hall Garage Door Updates – Duane shared that he also got a quote from Broskhoffs for \$17,700 for the garage doors. A motion was made by Duane Goebel and second by Stephanie Kibler to go with Prime Garage doors quote for \$13,865 which includes windows. Motion carried. Duane will contact Prime Garage Door.

Next the lights for the outside by the Fire Hall and the one outside the Clerk’s office were discussed. A motion was made by Russ Goette and second by Scott Groth to accept Nelson Electric’s bid of \$1,072.00. It was shared that we need to ask Ressler Electric to give a more detailed bid when he submits his bid. Duane will share this with them.

A comment was made that with Steele Waseca Coop Electric in town changing out the street lights that the corners are much brighter.

New Business:

Pollinator Friendly Resolution: Stephanie Kibler shared a copy of the City of Owatonna’s Pollinator Resolution. She would like the Council to consider creating a resolution like this for the City of Ellendale. She shared that we, as a

city, need to be watchful of the use of insecticides. Stephanie will get a copy of this in word format to LeeAnn so that we could start looking into writing our own using Owatonna's as a guideline.

Codification Manual: Mayor Goette asked if we have heard anything back on the Codification manual. Lee Ann shared she has not heard back from our City attorney. She will contact him on this.

Issues with Parking on 7th Ave: It was shared that we are still having issues with parking on 7th Ave by the Johnson Apartments. A letter was sent to the owner asking for the names and mailing addresses of the residents so that letters can be sent to them. We have not heard back from the apartment owner.

Spring Newsletter: Lee Ann shared that the spring newsletter will be going out in April and if anyone has any topics that they want included to please get them to her by April 5th. Citywide clean up will be Saturday May 4th with times to yet to be decided.

Mayor/Council Updates:

Mayor Goette asked about if we could change the speed limit on Hwy 30 to the Interstate. He would like to see this no more than 45 mph. Steve shared that he had contacted MN Dot and that it is up to the State Commission to decrease the speed limit. We will need to determine what the state considers the city limits to be for Hwy 30. It may be to just the edge of town.

Next it was asked about the survey in Country View Estates. Steve shared that Eric Haefner has not done any surveying due to the snow and that we were not able to find manholes at that time. This will be done once this clears up and they can get into this.

Next Mayor Goette asked about the tractor pull on Sunday of Ellendale Days. Lee Ann shared that she has a call in to Mr. Anderson to check on this for us. He has not been able to get back to her yet. Mayor Goette would also like to send invites to the townships and other local cities officers to be a part of our parade. Lee Ann will share this with the parade organizer.

Councilmember Scott Groth had nothing to report.

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Councilmember Stephanie Kibler shared information about SPROUT. This is sponsored by Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation. It is an event to connect with others, hear stories from our SMIF partners and discover the many resources that we have to offer the community. These are being held in Cannon Falls on April 23, Spring Valley on April 25, Kasota on April 30 and Fairmont on May 2nd. There is a poster on the Community Center bulletin board. These run from 4:30 to 6:30 with a program at 5:15 and will be serving light hors d'oeuvres.

She gave LeeAnn the phone number to contact Pete to get the designs for the Community Center Kitchen.

Councilmember Duane Goebel shared the quote that he received from Broskhoff Structures. HE will get more details from them also.

Next Duane shared that he has been talking with Matt from Ulland Brothers. They are wondering what street project will be this year. They are wanting to come in earlier this year than in the past. It was discussed to mill and overlay 4th Ave from 2nd street to 5th street.

Motion was made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Duane Goebel to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Lee Ann Hojberg City Clerk/Treasurer

Date

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