

MINUTES OF ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2018

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Star Eagle Reporter Melanie & SCFF Manager Scott Kozelka

Also in attendance: Fire Department Volunteers Logan Busho, Nolan McGowan, MLS Manager Ralph Diaz, & Maintenance Josh Otto

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda was approved with a motion by Scott Groth and second by Duane Goebel. Motion carried.

Scott Kozelka Manager of the Steele County Free Fair was recognized first. Scott shared that he is here to introduce himself as the new manager of the SCFF to the City Council. He shared that he wants to get together with each city in Steele County as he wants to get everyone in Steele County involved in the fair. He also wants to keep the SCFF the largest county fair but in order to do this we need to keep coming up with new ideas. Some of the ideas would be to include the school bands, football teams, cheerleader's, city day's events, etc.

He also shared that he is looking for more volunteers for the Steely & Stella mascots so that they can be in more parades. Mr. Kozelka was asked how the fair determines the number of people attending. He shared that this was done in a few different ways. One is by the number of beer cups sold at the Beer Garden, also by the number of wrist bands sold and aerial pictures that are taken. He shared that the fair board meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 if anyone wants to attend.

Liquor Store Manager Ralph Diaz was recognized next. He shared that he has 2 bands booked for Saturday night. From 7-9 will be Steele River Band and from 10-12 will be Hard Day's Night. He will contact Lonnie Misgen to see if we can use a couple of his flat beds for the bands.

Next he has a Bus for the Twins game scheduled for Saturday June 2, 2018. He is going to try to have some music for when the bus gets back. He is still working on this. Next, he shared that he would like to get a bus up to the MN Lynx game and also a bus for the MN Vikings game this fall.

Ralph shared the rent for the pull tabs has tripled from what it was a year ago. He also has added a 3rd box for pull tabs and a 3rd e-tab machine.

Next he shared that the grill has been shutting down. They have contacted the tech support about what may be causing this. He has been changing the cheaper filter regularly and that the large filter may need to be changed also. He was told that this larger filter should be good for a year and it was changed less than 6 months ago. If it shuts down again they will change out the large filter. They will continue to trouble shoot.

Stephanie Kibler asked about having Dan Stursa Band play during Ellendale Days maybe on Friday. It was asked if we are missing a group of people that would come to listen to Dan Stursa. The bar will have the Neverly Brother's playing on Thursday night. It was felt that this would also cover that group of people as they play 50 & 60's music.

Next Ralph asked about hiring 2 new people, Jordyn Wobschall and Mariah Allard. Mariah worked at the bar before and left. A motion was made by Duane Goebel to allow Ralph to hire at his discretion and was second by Stephanie Kibler. Motion carried.

Ralph also asked if he could bring in pricing on a fence again. Russ shared to go ahead and get prices again.

Logan was recognized next from the Fire Department. He shared that last Friday when they were out on a call 2 trucks bumped into each other. They have turned all the paper work into the insurance and that we have a \$250.00 deductible. They are currently getting estimates to get this fixed.

Logan also shared that they are working on getting a line hooked up into the truck. This will provide electronic power to the truck.

Logan stated that at the last meeting he shared the Fire Department had been turned down for the FEMA grant. He has since found out that they are still in the running for the Air Pacs. They were turned down for the Pressure Station. The disqualification was mainly due to the amount of requests that they received.

Next, he shared that the Executive Board would like to go to the bank to check into what it would cost to get a \$70,000 loan for 5 years. This will allow them to complete the tanker in a timelier manner. A motion was made by Steve Engel and second by Duane Goebel to allow the Fire Department Executive Board to go talk to the bank about getting a loan. Motion Carried. Lee Ann will get copies of the minutes to the Fire Department to take to the bank.

Next, Nolan shared that the furnace that heats the fire hall is not working properly and will probably need to be replaced before next winter. This past winter there were days that the doors between the fire hall and the community center needed to be opened so that the community center heater could help heat the fire hall. Nolan also shared that he thought it would be best to get prices on a new roof top unit. His best guess is that the cost would be about \$8,000 as there is no need for an Air Conditioning unit. He suggested talking to KSW in Owatonna, Jensen Heating in Geneva or a heating company for Wells. Next Nolan also shared that the fire hall doors need to be sealed better. There are doors that you can see through where the seal was.

Josh was recognized next. He shared a drawing from the Ellendale Square Apartments. They want to add parking to the south side of their building. Sue Hackett shared with Josh that the Owners need city approval to move forward with this.

A motion was made by Duane Goebel and second by Stephanie Kibler to approve the parking changes on the south side of the Ellendale square Apartments. Motion Carried. LeeAnn will get a copy of the minutes to Sue Hackett.

Next Josh shared he got a quote from Gordon Ebnet / Total Tree Service to remove all three trees for \$650.00. This is in Crown Ridge by Arlen Brekke's home. A motion was made by Steve Engel and second by Scott Groth to hire Gordon Ebnet to remove he trees for \$650.00. Motion carried.

Groundmasters was in doing street sweeping today and will finish tomorrow.

Luke Dobberstein brought in ¾ inch rock to the bunker recently.

Mike Fries will be here tomorrow to demo the new hand held for reading water meters.

Josh shared the sanitary sewer ponds are high and will need to be discharge. He took a sample to UC Labs today and will know next week if he can start discharging. He will need to wait 5 days to get the results back.

Next the POD storage unit was discussed. Josh shared the one that Alex Bell has he is asking \$2,000 for it. There is a hole in the top that will need to be welded. Alex would fix this also. It was shared that Ed Nelson has a new on for \$2,500.00. It was suggested to talk to Ed Nelson to see if he would be able to give us a better deal. Russ shared that he can talk to Alex to see if he would at \$1,500 and the city would do the welding. A motion was made by Duane Goebel and second by Steve Engel to offer Alex \$1,500 for the storage pod.

Next Josh asked about the outside cleaning of the water tower. He was told to go ahead and get this scheduled. We have budgeted \$5000 for this from the quote that we received last year.

Next Josh shared that he had gotten quotes from Empire Pipe to sewer televising and cleaning. Josh was asked to get another quote for this and bring to the one of the next meetings.

Next were clerk items: Lee Ann shared the City Wide Clean-up day will be Saturday May 5th from 8:00 am to Noon. Thompson Sanitation will bring the dumpsters Saturday morning and will pick after noon the same day. The newsletters and the tickets went out to each household.

Next, we need to amend the contract with Josh as he sold his Ranger and purchased a 4 wheeler. Josh will get the information to the city office and the contract will be updated. A motion was made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Duane Goebel to amend the contract. Motion Carried. The new contract will be presented at the next meeting.

The claims were presented next in the amount of \$34,099.36. After discussion, a motion was made by Stephanie Kibler to pay the claims as presented. This was second by Steve Engel. Motion carried.

The Minutes for the April 12, 2018 regular Council meeting were discussed next. After review, a motion was made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Scott Groth to approve the minutes as amended. Motion Carried.

Next the Minutes for the April 19, 2018 Board of Local Appels and Equalization Council meeting was discussed. After review, a motion was made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Duane Goebel to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Mayor items:

First Mayor Goette presented to the Council that he talked with Rebecca Charles from CEDA on ideas on what would be a good way to get help with the Highway 30 project. Rebecca shared that the best would be to get in contact with our House and Senate Representative and explain what is happening. Invite them to a meeting so that we can share this information with them. In the meantime, Rebecca will be looking into grants to see if there is are any that the city can qualify for. The current Session ends June 1, 2018 so after that would be a good time to get in contact with them.

Next Mayor Goette shared that he has seen children that are not licensed drivers, driving golf carts. We will send a reminder to Sheriff Thiele about this. It was also asked about burning leaves in town. Can this be done? This will be looked into.

Open discussion:

Council Member Scott Groth had nothing for open discussion.

Council Member Steve Engel shared with the Council a spreadsheet of what debt is owed and the amount of the payments for each year.

Council Member Stephanie Kibler shared that she had contact the LMC but has not heard back from them. Next she shared that she will have Jaguar contact Lee Ann at the city office to set up a time to discuss phone/internet. She also asked if we had any updates on the Klemmensen case. Lee Ann shared that we have not heard anything further.

Council Member Duane Goebel asked about the Sewer cost for Duane Nelson. Lee Ann will get him added to the system and will start sending him bills for sewer only with the April billing.

A motion was made by Stephanie Kibler to adjourn the meeting, second by Steve Engel. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Lee Ann Hojberg City Clerk

04-26-2018
Date

The minutes are a true and exact copy of the minutes as they appear in the Cities Minute Book.