

MINUTES OF ELLENDALE CITY COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25TH, 2018

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

Absent: None

Visitors: Star Eagle reporter Jim Lutgens

Also in attendance: Clerk Lee Ann Hojberg, MLS Manager Ralph Diaz, Fire Chief Logan Busho and Assistant Fire Chief Hayden Feist

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Duane Goebel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MLS update: Manager Ralph Diaz shared he has hired a new bartender Amanda Stevermer. A motion as made by Stephanie Kibler and second by Steve Engel to approve the hiring of Amanda Stevermer as bartender.

Next Ralph shared that the grill is still having issues. They have started a log book to keep track of what is being done and when it is being cleaned. He has changed the pressure valve switch and so far it has been working. They are also washing out the metal filter each Sunday.

Ralph shared he will have music by Dee Randall and Ann Hemann at the Muni on Saturday Nov 3rd from 8 to midnight. Also, pool and dart leagues have started. Darts on Monday and pool on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Council asked him how many hours he is putting in per week. It was shared that he is putting in about 60 hours per week. Hopefully with hiring another bartender and once trained in he will be able to cut back some. Council shared with Ralph that they do not expect him to put in this many hours.

Fire Department update:

Logan asked about the building to be donated. Mayor Goette shared he has talked with Jim Senske and he is going to donate building to the city but he has someone renting it right now and will get back to us to when we can get the building. Russ is going to meet with Mr Senske and would like the Fire Department to also meet with him. We will need to contact Mike Nelson on moving this structure. Steve will contact Mike Nelson to see what needs to be done as far a building permit. We also need to check the Ordinances to make sure we can put up this kind of building. It was shared that it will be approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Logan shared that about ½ of the lights are out in the fire hall. We will get this checked out and hard wired.

Next Logan shared that he has estimates for the garage doors in the fire hall that he will bring the next meeting he attends.

Logan shared that at the command center in Owatonna during the storm in September they were using whiteboards to write on. This may be something that we need to look into.

Chief Busho also shared that they are still working on the new tanker and are still within budget. He also shared that they still have the 91 pumper and that the market is flooded with this type of vehicle. They have had a couple of departments interested but that the cost was too high and the other had one donated to them. They are looking at possible putting this out there for departments to send in application and the fire dept. would donate this to a department in need.

Logan shared that the internet is down and if this is down the calls only come through on their pagers and it only reached out as far south as Clarks Grove and the south side of Owatonna and not all firemen are notified if they are out of range. Lee Ann shared that the internet is back up and that it was a fiber cut in the Metro area and was more than just our provider that was out.

Currently the Fire Department is looking into the different styles air pacs and what ones would be the best for our use. Once they have settled on this they will purchase with their grant they have received. Also, they are looking at vest and gloves to use the MN Energy Resources grant.

The Fire Dept. received a grant for \$3,000 from Compeer Financial. This will be used for hoses and nozzles.

It was also asked if the city would go half with the Fire Relief Association to get 6 more tables and 50 chairs. When they have the fish fry's they run out of space to seat people. The cost would be about \$1360 and half is \$680.00. A motion was made by Scott Groth and second by Duane Goebel to purchase tables and chairs with the Fire Relief Association. Lee Ann will work with them to get this ordered.

Next Logan shared that the grant for the grass rig has been submitted and we are waiting to hear on this. The grant was for \$57,000. The Rig would be about \$50,000 brand new and we could bank the other \$7,000 for other items.

The FEMA grant has also been submitted but could be up to a year to hear on this one. This will be used for extraction equipment.

Clerk Items:

Resolution 10-25-18-01 was adopted Designating Annual Polling place for the City of Ellendale to be Ellendale Community Center, 505 2nd street as the polling place from 2019. A motion was made by Duane Goebel and second by Stephanie Kibler. Motion carried.

Next was the CEDA contract for 2019. The cost will be \$12,340 for the year. This is a \$30 per month increase. This was discussed and a motion was made by Scott Groth and second by Stephanie Kibler to approve the contract for 2019. Motion carried. It was asked if CEDA could help with maybe getting someone interested into the barber shop. It was shared that they are aware of this and will be looking into this.

Next we certified the 2018 delinquent water bills. Letters will be going out to each of the residents on the delinquent list. They will be asked to come to the November 8th meeting if they have any questions. A motion was made by Steve Engel and second by Stephanie Kibler. Motion carried. This will be certified after November 30th.

Next LeeAnn shared that MN Energy Resources are now offering their Silver Service Plan to Cities and Churches. The cost to the City would be \$34.95 per month. This would cover the 3 furnaces, 2 refrigerator, 2 stoves and 2 hot water heaters. They will not cover and furnaces that are placed on rooftops. It was asked if they would cover the MLS hot water heater. Lee Ann will check with Nolan on this. Duane shared that he has this plan and that it is a good plan. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

Lee Ann shared that the fall newsletter has gone out.

Reminder: Elections are Tuesday, November 6th, 2018.

Claims:

The claims were presented in the amount of \$18,477.88. After discussion a motion was made by Scott Groth to pay the claims as presented, second by Duane Goebel. Motion carried.

Minutes from 10/11/18 & 10/22/18 were next reviewed. A motion was made by Steve Engel and second by Stephanie Kibler to approve the minutes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Items:

Mayor Goette asked if we had any more updates on the sale of the Liquor Store or what we need to do next. Stephanie Kibler shared a proposed contract with Berkshire Hathaway. We will need to get this to Mark Rahrack to review. Stephanie will send an electronic copy to Lee Ann to send to the City Attorney. It was discussed that we can close the meeting to discuss the price to sell the Liquor Store. We will add this to the 11-8-18 agenda.

Open Discussion:

Council Member Kibler shared all her topics had already been discussed.

Council Member Goebel shared that Ullands will be here on Monday to start the street work. Lee Ann asked if she could be notified to get this added to Facebook for people to know that we will be doing road work. Steve asked about doing patch work on Rose Dive. Do we want to do this? Steve will talk to Josh.

Council Member Groth asked if Josh could clean up the brush on the North East corner of the Maintenance building. This is starting to look over grown. Lee Ann will share this with Josh.

Council Member Engel: Nothing to discuss.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Lee Ann Hojberg City Clerk
The minutes are a true and exact copy of the minutes as they appear in the Cities Minute Book.

10-25-18

Date