

City Of Effie
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
100 SW STATE HWY 38 – COMMUNITY BUILDING
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January 14, 2019
6:00 pm

Members Present - Mayor Greta Drewlow Councilors –Lil Longtine and Tom Lamont; City Clerk/Treasurer Carolyn Schmit

Members Absent –

Also Present – Heidi Gustafson, Nathan Kern, Janice Vraa, Angela Walker, Ann Shears, Sally Sedgwick, Dean Sedgwick

Mayor Greta Drewlow and Councilors Lil Longtine and Tom Lamont were sworn in prior to the meeting.

Mayor Greta Drewlow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the public forum was opened. Mayor Drewlow opened the public forum. Nate Kern spoke regarding what was necessary to put a building and fence on his property. He was told he needed to get approval for a building permit. Sally Sedgwick also spoke regarding her attendance as a representative of the Scenic Range Forum and shared a little of information about the paper. As no one else wished to speak, the public forum was closed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by L Longtine, seconded by T Lamont to approve the agenda. MCU

Approval of the December 10, 2018 Minutes

Motion by T Lamont, seconded by L Longtine to approve the minutes as written. MCU

Meeting Updates/Reports

Sewer Updates – Clerk Schmit spoke regarding a request from the sewer operators that the sampler board be replaced as it hasn't been working for several months. Prices were received to repair the current board or purchase a new one, the price difference was a few hundred dollars. **Motion to purchase a new board for the sampler by T Lamont, seconded by L Longtine. MCU**

Council Updates – Councilman Lamont asked about storing the snowflake decorations and volunteered to move them to the garage for storage.

Mayor Updates – no updates. Mayor Drewlow thanked Jan and Angela for Bob's years of service to the city on the council.

Clerk Updates – The clerk shared a financial report

- 12/31/2018 Balance Now Account \$73,867.80
- 12/31/2018 Balance MM Account \$40,926.81
- Furnace Fund \$500.00
- Building (Improvement Fund) \$5,553.37
- Skating Rink \$500.00
- Playground \$2,000.00

Council discussed moving the funds for special accounts to a separate savings account for better tracking.

Motion by T Lamont, seconded by L Longtine to open a savings account for special funds. MCU

NEW BUSINESS

Council Resignations: Clerk Schmit shared resignations from Councilors JoAnn Krickhahn and Tim Grady effective

Motion by L Longtine, seconded by T Lamont to pass a resolution to accept the resignations. MCU

Council Appointments: Mayor Drewlow shared that the council has 2 open positions and asked the public if any were interested in filling the positions. Angela Walker stated she would be interested. **Motion by L Longtine, seconded by T Lamont to appoint Angela Walker to the city council. MCU**

Motion by T Lamont, seconded by L Longtine to continue to see an additional council person. MCU

Angela Walker was sworn in.

Resolution of Yearly Appointments: **Motion to pass Resolution 2019-01 Designation of Yearly Appointments by L Longtine, seconded by A Walker. MCU**

2019 Meeting Schedule: Clerk Schmit shared the 2019 Meeting Schedule with the council.

Nuisance Ordinance Violation Update: The city is required to send a representative to court in a case brought by Matt David on January 28th. The city is trying to settle out of court. Nate Kern was present to discuss his vehicles that were confiscated as a violation of the ordinance. Mayor Drewlow offered to allow Nate to pay the storage and towing fees to get his vehicles returned and in a reasonable time, build a privacy fence. **Motion to approve plans for Nate Kern to pay storage and towing fees, move his vehicles back to his property and build a privacy fence by June 2019 by L Longtine, seconded by A Walker. MCU**

Ordinances: Mayor Drewlow shared that she would like the council to review the MN Basic Code Ordinances and determine what is necessary and what is not. The council is in favor of reviewing these and will begin by reviewing the book.

OLD BUSINESS

Skating Rink: Council discussed replacing the boards necessary to hold ice and to flood the rink. It was brought to the attention of the council that the barrel stove was removed. Mayor Drewlow will approach the person who is said to be in possession and discuss the return of city property. Clerk Schmit will contact the Bigfork Fire Department to facilitate flooding the rink. **Motion to repair the wood on the sides of the rink and flood it. Also approve purchase of materials and equipment with a \$500.00 budget by L Longtine, seconded by A Walker.**

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Payroll and Claims for the month of December: \$74,913.59 which includes a transfer from the general fund to the sewer fund of 61,707.94. **Motion to approve payroll and claims as listed by T Lamont, seconded by A Walker. MCU**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm

Next regular monthly Council meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019 at 6:00pm.

Carolyn Schmit

To be approved at the next regular meeting

Clerk/Treasurer
