

Regular Board Meeting

April 24, 2013

City Hall, 7:00pm

Minutes from the April 10th board meeting:

Present: Aldermen Marshall Welch, Lloyd Bressman, Charlene Cook, and Staley Snook. Also present were Attorney Kate Noland and Officer Stackhouse.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Snook – Dr. Sumy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lloyd motioned to suspend the regular agenda for citizen input – Marshall seconded, motion passed (4-0)

Dr. Sumy (North Platte Superintendent) described the community safe room/storm shelter being constructed at the intermediate school. He later stated that safe room will be available to the area during and outside of regular school hours. Because they had permission to build the school initially, the school board believed that they didn't need to be issued new building permits to add the shelter. Lloyd motioned to include the shelter in the original permit to allow construction to continue. Staley seconded, motion passed (4-0).

A board member of WWB Villas explained the water billing situation at the Villas again – he pointed out that they are the only non-profit multiple dwelling in our area. They explained that they only have 1 hookup for the 5 building but get billed for each occupied apartment (16). They've requested a new contract and billing rate to accommodate their not-for-profit status. The city's attorney advised the board to have a special meeting so more information could be gathered before making a decision. Marshall motioned to schedule a special meeting, Lloyd seconded. Motion passed (2-4, Mayor Snook broke the tie with a "yes" vote).

Mayor Snook resumed the regular agenda.

Lloyd motioned to approve the minutes from the March 6th board meeting, Staley seconded. Motion passed (4-0). Charlene motioned to approved the minutes from the March 19th special meeting (WWB Villas), Marshall seconded. Motion passed (4-0). Staley motioned to approve the minutes from the April 4th special meeting (HDR water tower report), Marshall seconded. Motion passed, (4-0).

Marshall motioned to approve the bills, Lloyd seconded. Motion passed (4-0).

Clerk Report: The city clerk reported that we have finished entering all of the water customers information into our new utility software and that we *should* be billing on new postcards in May if they are printed in time.

Water/Streets/Sewer/Parks Report: Kelly Spiers reported that we are now averaging 38,000 gallons of water a day and that we had no leaks that month. He also reported that the streets department is still filling in potholes around town. He and TJ also confirmed that they have received the new mowers and the Polaris that were voted on during the March 6th meeting. TJ also reported that they put the down payment on the new lights at the ballpark and that they are getting them installed.

Police Report: Sgt. Stackhouse reported 125hrs worked for the month with a total of 13 calls and 5 tickets issued. The calls included; one report of a 911 misdial, one report of ID theft, three reports of dogs running at large, two reports of check for party wanted, one report of locate a person of interest, one report of disturbing the peace, one report of animal abuse and one report of a juvenile inappropriate sexual conduct (parties were advised to take the child for a safe test at the hospital and the case will be turned over to juvenile court when the investigation is finished).

The county has requested that the city sign a new agreement to comply with their emergency management assistance plan. Lloyd motioned to review and accept the agreement, Charlene seconded. Motion passed (4-0).

Mayor Snook pointed out the need for a new city ordinance for theft of utility services. Marshall motioned for Kate Noland (the cities attorney) to prepare the ordinance, Staley seconded. Motion passed (4-0).

The Platte County Public Works Department reported that the Clark Ave. Bridge is “severely deteriorated” and needs replaced. They explained that the state has funds available to where the city would only pay 20% while the state would pay the remaining 80% - this would make the bridge cost the city approximately \$160,000. The board agreed that it would be best to use the street tax to pay for the bridge over the next 5-6 yrs. Marshal motioned for Kate to write a letter of acceptance (of the proposed plan), Lloyd seconded. Motion passed (4-0).

Two citizens reported their concerns about junk cars and damaged properties in town. Sgt. Stackhouse updated them on the status, stating that they have been compiling a list of properties that need cleaned up and that they will be sending out certified letters soon.

Charlene motioned to nominate Lloyd Bressman as Mayor Pro Tem, Marshall seconded. Motion passed (4-0).

Officer Stackhouse reported that he needs his drug recognition certification renewed. Lloyd motioned to approve funds for the cost of tuition, travel, lodging and ½ of the cost of meals, Marshall seconded. Motion passed (4-0).

Kelly Spiers explained to the board that the department of natural resources is requiring the city to purchase new meters to be used for water testing. Marshall motioned to approve the purchase, Charlene seconded. Motion passed (4-0).

Marshall motioned to adjourn, Charlene seconded. Motion passed (4-0). Meeting adjourned.

Following the meeting, a telephone vote was held to allow Kelly Spires to attend the Midwest Waste Water Conference in Columbia, Mo. from September 25-26th, 2013 plus three additional nights. The board authorized to pay for expenses up to \$500.

Minutes Taken By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

