

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING/ASSESSMENT HEARING  
November 19, 2009

A regular council meeting was duly called to order on Monday, November 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. with members present, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne, Jim Poirot and Brad Ringnell. Absent, Robert Roesler. Mayor Pro-tem Brad Ringnell presided. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

Motion by Poirot to approve the agenda, second by Behne, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

At this time the Public Hearing for the South Manyaska Street assessments was called to order with five citizens present. Clarification was made as to the date that the assessment can be paid without accrued interest (12/31/09). Positive comments were received from Nathan Behne regarding the improvements; City Engineer Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk stated that the contractors will be back soon to finish up some minor work. As there were no further questions, the Assessment Hearing was declared closed.

Motion by Behne to approve Resolution 2009-17 Adopting South Manyaska Street Final Assessments, second by Behne. Olson, yea; Behne, yea; Poirot, yea; Ringnell, yea; Resolution 2009-17 approved.

The Public Works Department has successfully jetted North Osborne Street sanitary sewer using an alternate nozzle attachment in preparation for the televising that will be done by the City of Fairmont in December. Bolton & Menk Engineer Greg Mitchell will review the video to determine the condition of the infrastructure in that area.

Costs to implement the recommendations resulting from the Energy Audit have been received: winterizing/plumbing/furnace \$4,000 not including electrical; \$175 for additional thermostats. Estimates for gas and electric heat will be forthcoming.

Administrator report:

- Kuehl Electric has determined that Hwy4/I-90 streetlight wires may have been cut in a number of places when fiber optic lines were installed. Horizontal boring and repairs will be costly; estimates have not yet been received. Council consensus is that the repairs should be made.
- Cell phone services have been switched to Verizon and free phones will be made available.
- Theatre and Community Hall have seen much activity with the MCW musical, Shop Sherburn events and the upcoming Holiday Concert.
- Budget workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2 at 5:00 to finalize the budget and levy. Bolton & Menk WW engineer Kelly Yahnke will be present with PFA loan information. Truth in Taxation hearing requirements have been repealed, but the public is invited to attend the December 7<sup>th</sup> council meeting at which the final budget and levy may be adopted.
- Additional LGA unallotments have been threatened; City Admin Letzring will be participating in a Webinar on November 20<sup>th</sup> that will address such issues.

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Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk presented the following findings from the infrastructure investigation of the North Osborne and North Prairie Street area in conjunction with the wastewater plant upgrade: Slope is not adequate and it is suspected that a sewer line exists under a residence on West First Street; inflow and infiltration issues will not be cured by slip lining because of a sag in the lines. However, the sewer lines can be rerouted to abandon the risky areas and a water main can be looped. Mr. Mitchell recommended that the City of Fairmont be asked to televise additional lines on West First Street from North Osborne to Elm Street, and North Prairie Street to Front Street looking for service connections.

Council was reminded of the budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. and the council meeting/budget and levy hearing on Monday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Poirot, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff