

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

January 22, 2013

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 with members Jeff Ross, Dorothy Behne, Carroll Behne, Brad Ringnell, and Kurt Olson present. Also present Interim Administrator Wendell Sande and Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the agenda, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Behne to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ross, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Manyaska Township would like to make additions to their fire contract. These additions include an emergency service charge, access to five years of financial and cost data, and insurance requirements. The township is also unhappy with the per section increase for 2012 as it was not billed until the end of 2012. Councilor Ross expressed that it was communicated to the Township two years ago that an increase to their contract was coming. The Council discussed the contract additions and raised some questions concerning whether there would be an additional cost to name the township as an additional insured. It was decided to have the attorney review the additions and table the discussion until more information could be obtained.

Val Omvig appeared on behalf of the Fire Relief Association to request a \$25.00 raise in benefits, bringing the total to \$1,275 per year of service. He explained that the city currently has no required contribution for 2013 which would not change with the increase in benefits. The association has not had a benefit increase since 2008. After discussion, a motion was made by Olson to approve the increase as requested, second by Behne, motion carried with Ross and Ringnell abstaining.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2013-3 Resolution Accepting Donation of \$21,526.63 From Region 9 for the Purpose of Upgrading Theatre Equipment to Digital Projector and Manual Roll-up Screen, second by Ross. Ringnell, yea; Ross yea; C. Behne, yea; Olson, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2013-3 approved.

Mayor Behne explained to the Council that Gene Scheppmann, the owner of the Cup and Saucer, would like to give the business to someone who would be willing to run it. Gene had originally fixed up the restaurant as a philanthropic venture to do something for the community. The Martin County EDA is involved to help find the right person and provide additional help in areas such as advertising and bookkeeping. Bryan Stading of the Martin County EDA would like to meet with the Council to discuss what the City might do to help a person pursue this venture.

In other business, the Council discussed the water main break that had occurred the previous day on Kenzie Street and South Street. Councilor Ringnell noted that this pipe should be replaced this summer as it has broken numerous times before. Councilor Ringnell also informed the Council that he had been contacted by the Chief of Police from Fairmont regarding the monitoring systems for the sirens. Fairmont will change their RFP's to include the City and we should have a cost estimate soon.

Councilor Ringnell was contacted by Sharon Klump of Springsted. 22 resumes were received for the position of City Administrator and subsequently six phone interviews were conducted by Springsted. The candidates were narrowed down to five and forwarded to the Council to determine which candidates they would like to interview. The Council will schedule a workshop for Monday January 28, at Noon at City Hall to determine which candidates will be interviewed.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Ringnell. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen