

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, October 7, 2013 with members Carroll Behne, Dorothy Behne, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell, and Jeff Ross present. Also present City Admin/EDA Director Samuel Hansen, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen.

In open public comment, Billeye Rabbe the Solid Waste Director for Martin County gave the Council a brief synopsis of the Martin County recycling program which Sherburn could join. One difference between this program and doing recycling on our own is the county program is charged on the property taxes instead of with the regular garbage invoices.

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

Motion by C. Behne to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Ringnell, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Financial advisor Shannon Sweeney of David Drown & Associates was present to discuss the City's current ability to finance a 2014 street project. He explained to the Council that since a portion of debt will be paid off in 2015, the City can essentially replace the old debt with the new one and have minimal impact on the tax levy. A question was raised regarding the impact of the City's credit rating on interest rates received. Mr. Sweeney explained that the City has received an A+ credit rating in the past and it does help us receive a lower interest rate. City Engineer Gregg Mitchell proceeded to present the Council with a few options of street projects that have been considered in recent years or have presented a need for consideration. Councilor Ross noted that before we make a final decision we need to assess the priority of the various projects.

Jerry Ebeling was present to discuss the \$500 rezoning fee owed on his property at 1 Crossroads Drive. Mr. Ebeling does not believe he should have to pay the rezoning fee. He still has more work to do to the property and would like to put another shed up. He also noted that other property owners, such as Zac's Service Center, did not have to pay the rezoning fee. Mr. Ebeling stated that had he known all of this would have occurred, he would not have moved his business to town. Councilor Ringnell stated that the situation with Zac's Service Center was different as Zac's had been operating out of zone for several years with no action taken from the Council, in this case we knew from the beginning that the property would need to be rezoned for the proposed business. A motion was made by Ross to charge Jerry Ebeling \$250 for rezoning and to advise him of the advertising subsidy monies available through the EDA, second by Ringnell, carried.

At this time the Council reviewed the proposals received from Waste Management and Hometown Sanitation for residential solid waste collection and disposal and recycling services. After discussion and questions were asked of representatives from both companies, a motion was made by Ringnell to enter into a 3-year contract with Waste Management for residential solid waste collection and disposal and recycling services, second by Ross, carried.

3 bids were received for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Splash Pad: KHC Construction \$44,350, Beemer Companies \$33,900, and Anderson Construction \$16,324. Motion by Ringnell to award the bid to Anderson Construction, second by Olson, carried.

Mayor Behne explained to the Council that the Task Force is still working on raising funds for the digital sign that they have proposed purchasing. The Task Force is asking the City to contribute \$5000 as they would like to purchase the sign before the end of the year. Motion by Ross to contribute \$5000 to the Task Force for the purchase of a digital sign as it will help promote and benefit the City, second by C. Behne, carried.

Administrator Report

- August Box Office Report has been received.
- Leaf pickup begins next week.
- Street patching will be started this week.
- The culvert on 2nd street is being replaced this week.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Nicole Steffensen, Deputy Clerk