

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
November 2, 2015

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Dorothy Behne at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 2015 with members Jeff Ross, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne and Brad Ringnell present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Sam Hansen and Deputy Clerk Dannielle Peters.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

At this time the public hearing for the Elm, W. Third Street from the Prairie to County Road 13, N. Prairie final assessment street project was called to order with 7 community members in attendance. Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk was present to recap the improvements made on these streets and to answer questions regarding the assessments. Mr. Mitchell explained the assessment policy and the portion (21.7%) of the project that has been assessed. Statute requires that a minimum of 20% must be assessed when a bond is issued.

Mr. Mitchell noted assessments are payable in equal semi-annual installments extending over a period of 15 years, which can be paid in full without interest prior to November 30, 2015. The first of installments will be payable with property taxes in 2016 at the rate of six percent interest. Mr. Mitchell and Sam Hansen spoke of the deferred assessment option for qualifying residents. Information is available for those who are interested.

An inquiry was made about the deferred payments and if there are options of grant dollars to help with costs one church faces with the assessment. Discussion of the two lots held by the First Congregational UCC and the two assessment charges were questioned by Neal Potthoff and Sandi Nelson. Mr. Mitchell was going to look into possible funding options and the two assessment charges that are being applied to their assessment.

Mr. Mitchell shared total costs and assessable costs of each portion of this project: Total assessed costs are \$405,636, which is 21.7% of the total final costs. Preliminary estimates came in at \$1,465,305; final total project costs were less at \$1,418,095.63.

The public hearing was declared adjourned at 5:25pm.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2015-21 Adopting Final Assessments for the Prairie Street from First Street to Fifth Street, and Elm Street from First Street to Third Street, and Third Street from County Road 13 to Prairie Street, second by Ross. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Ross, yea; Behne, yea; D. Behne, yea; Resolution 2015-21 approved.

Review of the C&C Stay Home Shop Sherburn Participant Request was discussed. Motion by Olson to accept, second by Behne. All in favor; Olson, Behne, D. Behne, Ross.

Admin update:

- The annual assessment by Westrum Leak Detection found a leaky hydrant on Lake & 5th St to be repaired.
- Leaf pick up is in its last week, next week storm drain clean-up is beginning.
- Fairmont and Federated Rural Electric have been contacted to fix the light on the Cty Rd 26 & Main St.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell noted the Police Department had been interviewing candidates for the full time police officer position and should be filled by December.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Ross, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Dannielle Peters, Deputy Clerk