

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 2, 2015

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-tem Kurt Olson on Monday, March 2, 2015 with members Carroll Behne, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Absent, Mayor Dorothy Behne. Also present City Admin/EDA Director Samuel Hansen and Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the agenda, second by C. Behne, 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.

Herman Dharmarajah, Greg Mitchell, and Kirk Yahnke of Bolton & Menk presented to the Council the Preliminary Engineering Report for Water System Improvements. The report covered the current state of the existing system, proposed improvements, estimated costs and possible funding sources. Motion by Ross to apply for a loan through the Public Facilities Authority for both the Water System Improvements as well as the Water Storage Tank Improvements, second by C. Behne, carried.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen presented the Council with a quote of \$6,900 from Beemer Companies to clean Well #1. He explained that this well is due for a cleaning and it is cheaper to do it now that the pump is already out. Motion by Ringnell to approve the cleaning of Well #1, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a \$200 pull tab contribution to the Martin County West Trap Shoot Team and a \$500 pull tab contribution to the Martin County West Summer Recreation and Summer Theater Program, second by C. Behne, carried.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen explained to the Council that the City has been approached by Goldfinch Estates of Fairmont to serve as an issuer of conduit revenue notes in the amount of \$5,000,000. Hansen explained that to refinance they need a municipality and each municipality can only bond up to \$10 million per year. There is no risk in the transaction and as the issuer we would receive a fee in the amount of one quarter of one percent of the issued notes. Motion by Ross to approve being the issuer of conduit revenue notes for Goldfinch Estates, second by Ringnell, carried.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen has been approached by the owners of 211 Delana Street to find a better agreement for the utilities certified to their property. After discussion, motion by Ringnell to change the amortization period from one year to ten years for the certified utilities from the 2013 assessments on 211 Delana Street at 6% interest, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2015-4 Supporting Dedicated State Funding for City Streets, second by C. Behne. Ringnell, yea; C. Behne, yea; Ross, yea; Olson, yea. Resolution 2015-4 approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2015-5 Adopting Vehicle Idling Policy, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Ross, yea; C. Behne, yea; Olson, yea. Resolution 2015-5 approved.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen presented to the Council a request from Fire Chief Mike Lyon to send up to six firefighters to a free Hostile Event Response training and reimburse the room, meals and mileage. Motion by Olson to approve the training request, second by C. Behne, carried.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen explained to the Council the desire to coordinate City-wide cleanup with the Police Department's annual city-wide sweep. Hansen explained that Waste Management is not available on May 2nd which is the ideal date, however Hometown Sanitation is available and has a competitive price. Motion by Ross to set the date for City-wide clean-up as Saturday May 2nd from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at a centralized location under the water tower behind City Hall and to give Larry Kling the exclusive rights to any scrap metal that is brought up, second by C. Behne, carried.

Administrator Report

- The Liquor Store is looking to get an interior paint facelift
- The Burn Site is scheduled to open in April

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by C. Behne. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Nicole Steffensen, Deputy Clerk