

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING/OPEN BOOK HEARING

April 15, 2013

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, April 15, 2013 with members Jeff Ross, Carroll Behne, Kurt Olson, Dorothy Behne, and Brad Ringnell present. Also present City Admin/EDA Director Samuel Hansen, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen.

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 and fence permit for 308 S Lake St was declared approved.

At this time the Open Book Meeting was called to order with Mike Sheplee Deputy Assessor and Deb Eversman County Appraiser present to answer questions regarding property tax valuations. Mrs. Eversman explained that a complete reappraisal had been performed which involved trying to get inside of every home to make an accurate assessment.

Rock Reker inquired about the increase in value of his property even though his neighbor's house has sat empty on the market for almost two years. Deb explained that she was not able to get into his property during the reappraisal, so she would have to start there in verifying the valuation.

Brad Ringnell questioned the new formula being used by the state and how it does not seem to work well for the city. Mr. Sheplee explained that the formula is based off of three moving parts: the class rate is set at the state level, the value is set at the county level and the spending is set at the local level. It was recommended to write the state and voice our complaints as a city.

With no further business, the Open Book meeting was declared adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a request from the Lions Club to close the 100 block of North Lake Street from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the Holiday Festival for an Antique/Machinery Show and the street dance, second by C. Behne, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a request from the Sherburn C & C for \$200.00 toward flowers for the N Main St planters, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by Ross to approve a \$100 pull-tab contribution for the MCW Honors Banquet, second by Ringnell, carried.

Administrator Report:

- Jim Wilson & Greg Mitchell have been addressing the 1st Street project dispute.
- The City now has an active Facebook page, City of Sherburn.
- The Temperance Lake Ridge open house went over well and was well planned and organized.
- The ITC Midwest transmission project will be north of city limits. There is information at the library if anyone is interested.
- Update on the status of the township fire contracts.

- Cold mix will be purchased to patch the potholes soon.
- Contacts have been made regarding grader school options.
- The gravel roads are in need of more grading since the recent snow storm.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell commented that now that the Temperance Lake Ridge project is completed, Temperance Lake Road could use a few truckloads of gravel. Conversation ensued as to the options of types of gravel. Mayor Behne mentioned that eight applications had been received for the Cup & Saucer giveaway, and they are expected to have an applicant selected by the beginning of May. Councilor Ross commented that five applicants have applied for the three vacant fire positions and testing will begin shortly.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen