

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2015

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, April 20, 2015 with members Carroll Behne, Dorothy Behne, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Absent, Kurt Olson. Also present City Admin/EDA Director Samuel Hansen and Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen.

In open public comment, Bonnie & Duane Nelson were present to discuss their concerns over the condition of the property located at 201 W 1st Street. It was noted that the property had received a red-tag during the police department's spring clean-up sweep and follow-up would be made.

Dorothy Janssen was also present on behalf of the Task Force. The Task Force would like to redo the landscaping around the memorial stone and flag poles in the City Park before Memorial Day. Motion by Ringnell to allow the Task Force to upgrade the landscaping as necessary, second by Ross, carried.

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 Open Book Meeting was called to order with Deb Eversman, County Appraiser and Mike Sheplee, Deputy Assessor, present to answer questions regarding property tax valuations. Mrs. Eversman explained that there had been 15 sales in the City of Sherburn in 2014. To get into the required ratio range 2 neighborhoods were increased by 5% and one neighborhood was lowered by 5%. Ms Eversman explained to the Council that there is a property in town that was sold on tax forfeiture last year that she will recommend lowering the value due to the current condition of the home. She will watch it for progress to increase the value at a later time.

Motion by Ringnell to approved Resolution 2015-7 Proclamation Declaring April as Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, second by C. Behne. Ringnell, yea; C. Behne, yea; Ross, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2015-7 approved.

Motion by Ross 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, second by C. Behne, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the increase in Jake Clow's pay from a Step 6 to a Step 7 due to earning his C water license, effective April 20th, 2015, second by Ross, carried.

Administrator Report

- A Joint powers meeting was held last week, half a liner will be installed in the jetter truck.
- The Assistant Liquor Store Manager position is currently being advertised
- More gravel will be put on South Street and Cargill Street this week.
- The benches have been put at the park for the season.
- The Special Projects Committee needs to meet, more details have been obtained regarding the ramp at the Community Hall

Becky Tish and Lisa Lange were present to give an update on the Centennial Park Playground Project. The play structure previously purchased has a tentative installation date. The playground company is going to be present to help drill the footing holes. Discussion ensued regarding whether the preference was pea rock or mulch for the playground filler. Ultimately the consensus was pea rock. Becky & Lisa also explained that the playground pieces have also been picked out for the next phase of the project and funding will be pursued.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by C. Behne, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen