

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
April 7, 2014

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, April 7, 2014 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.

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 Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

At this time the Open Book Meeting was called to order with Dan Whitman, County Assessor, and Deb Eversman, County Appraiser, present to answer questions regarding property tax valuations. Mrs. Eversman explained that there had been ten sales in the City of Sherburn in 2013. Land values were decreased from \$50 per front foot to \$30 per front foot. Valuations had also been adjusted based on the type of siding. Councilor C. Behne questioned how our land values compare to other communities in Martin County. Mrs. Eversman explained that most of the values are between \$50 and \$30 per front foot. Dick Zehms inquired about the value of agricultural land. Mrs. Eversman explained that agricultural land went up in value by 4% county wide. Mr. Zehms also had some concerns over the grade of his agricultural land. Mr. Whitman stated that most of his land was of C grade. Mr. Zehms explained that some of his land is no longer insurable due to land conditions. Mrs. Eversman requested documentation to look into the situation. Carlee Hunter also inquired as to the grade of Verna Miller's agricultural land. Mr. Whitman responded that it is A grade.

With no further business, the Open Book Meeting was declared adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Carlee Hunter and Cindy Ford of the Sherburn C & C were present to give progress on their Community Hall project. They explained that the C & C has stocked about \$1200 of supplies in the kitchen in addition to the new appliances. They are planning, with Council approval, to pursue replacing the cupboards. The Council was receptive to the updates and recommended the project be coordinated with City Staff.

City Engineer Greg Mitchell distributed the plans and specifications for the 2014 Street Improvements. He explained that the plan was to begin advertising for bids that week with a deadline of May 2<sup>nd</sup> with plans to award the bid at the Council meeting the following Monday. Further discussion was held over some concerns about the narrowing of Prairie Street. Mr. Mitchell had analyzed several street widths in town, but stated that 36' seemed reasonable as many streets in town are in the 36' to 40' range. Further discussion was held regarding the removal of sidewalks on Prairie Street. After discussion the Council agreed that due to the poor condition of many of the sidewalks it was best to remove them.

Motion by Ross to approve Resolution 2014-7 Approving Plans & Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids for Improvements to Prairie Street from First Street to Fifth Street, and Elm Street from First Street to Third Street, and Third Street from Country Road 13 to Prairie Street, and South Street from Lake Street to Venn Street, second by Olson. Ross, yea; Olson, yea; C. Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2014-7 approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2014-8 Adopting Social Media Policy, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Ross, yea; C. Behne, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2014-8 approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a \$0.50 per hour raise for Jakob Clow for receiving his 'D' water license effective April 7, 2014, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by C. Behne to approve the Sherburn Fire Department to provide ambulance service to the Fairmont Raceway for the cost of \$475/night for the 2014 racing season, second by Olson, carried with Ringnell and Ross abstaining.

Motion by Olson to approve a \$100 pull tab contribution to the Library Summer Reading Program, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a \$250 pull tab contribution to the MCW Summer Recreation & Summer Theater program, second by C. Behne, carried.

#### Administrator Report

- Currently looking into grant money for the chair lift and sidewalk repairs for the Community Hall.
- Contact has been made with several management companies about submitting an RFP for managing Temperance Lake Ridge
- Received a quote from Barger for crack repair & RePlay, another quote is still needed.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell noted that it is time to start grading the gravel roads.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by C. Behne. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Nicole Steffensen, Deputy Clerk