

Minutes of the January 13, 2014 City Council Meeting

The meeting of the Eureka City Council was called to order on January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Miller in the councilroom of the Municipal Building with the following present: Mayor Miller, Councilmembers: Bertsch, Billotto, Goehring, Obenauer, Regula, Weisbeck and Finance Officer Ottenbacher. Also present was Linda Bergman with the Northwest Blade, Jim Grossman and Eric Odenbach.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Weisbeck to approve the agenda as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Jim Grossman and Eric Odenbach were present to discuss the hangars at the Eureka Airport. The Mayor welcomed Grossman and Odenbach to the meeting. Grossman is interested in building a hangar at the Eureka Airport. The building would be a pole barn approximately 42x50x60 in size. The new hangar would be placed next to Bill McVay's hangar, with at least 10 feet between the buildings. The current lease does not allow anything outside the hangar and Grossman would like to put a stationary 200 gallon fuel tank by his building. FAA does allow a fuel tank to be placed beside a hangar. Finance Officer will check with the attorney on the interpretation of the current lease agreement. Electricity is currently shared with the City. Grossman is willing to have his own power installed. Installation fees and individual power outlets were discussed. A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Billotto to table the electrical rate with FEM until February 10, 2014. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill McVay has submitted to the City a letter of request to transfer the balance of his current lease on the parcel of land at the airport that he currently leases from the City. Eric Odenbach has a Bill of Sale and is equipped to take over the City lease agreement currently held by Bill McVay. A motion was made by Regula and seconded by Goehring to accept the transfer of the Bill McVay lease to Eric Odenbach. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Motion passed unanimously. Paving of the runway in 2015 and the 10 year lease agreement for airport hangars with a \$200.00 fee per year were also discussed.

Public Works Director Boschee joined the meeting for his monthly report.

The Eureka sign is temporarily fixed until spring. The current meter for the sign will be removed and it will be wired directly into the street light meter.

The water depth at the spillway is being monitored.

Boschee met with Dahme Construction to review the placing of the fire hall lift station. Dahme thought they would be here in two weeks to place the lift station and remove the old one. An email was received January 13, 2014 stating work will begin later in the spring.

Boschee received an email from Interstate Engineering and the airport project is still on track. Boschee is going to check into getting an electronic gate to the airport added to the bid.

A semi drove over the catch basin by the post office and may have broken the basin. Erosion is building up around it. As soon as cement can be poured it will be fixed.

Boschee will talk to the County to see if they could help haul gravel during the work week this spring. It would then be bladed right away and the rest would be stockpiled.

Boschee will get exact numbers for the February meeting to put in bids for Rip-Rap, resealing and asphalt with bids to be opened in April. A motion was made by Obenauer and seconded by Weisbeck to approve calling for bids on these items. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Two residential water breaks have been repaired and will be fixed properly in the spring.

The County has four radial Grader tires that match the City Grader tread and design. Boschee will contact the County and check with Kary's for a price comparison.

Boschee has a workman's comp claim with the City and an MRI is scheduled.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Regula to approve the December 30, 2013 minutes as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The Wastewater Sewer Project is not complete but, the City will need to make the DENR SRF Loan interest payment of \$12,304.16, payable to First National Trust and due in January, with quarterly payments beginning in April 2014, for thirty years. A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Bertsch to pay the bills with the exception of First National Bank for \$12,304.16, to be questioned by the attorney and the engineer. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The County has reimbursed the City \$2,951.03 for an overpayment on joint law enforcement for 2013.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Regula to approve the financials as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

December Financials:

Finance Officer - \$4,342.92, Gen. Gov't Bldgs. - \$130.84, Streets - \$4,222.40, Snow Removal - \$1,462.24, Sanitation - \$18,099.36, Park - \$116.48, Library - \$737.88, Water - \$728.00, Sewer - \$276.64

December Bills:

Highway Wastewater Project – Duininck, Inc., Pay Request 9 SRF - \$365,896.44

Airport Project – Interstate Engineering, runway project - \$2,250.72

A & B Business Solutions, office - \$4.95, Bank of America, books and DVD's - \$836.29, Butler Machinery, supplies - \$30.87, Cahill Bauer & Associates, closing entries sanitation - \$160.00, Dakota Backup, computer backup - \$256.26, Dakota Country Store, misc. & fuel - \$1,032.40, ECDC, 2nd half payment - \$17,500.00, ECHS, 1st half payment - \$6,250.00, Eureka Museum, payment - \$3,000.00, Ferguson Waterworks, frostplates - \$78.64, Great Plains Bank, utilities - \$14.70, Great Plains Bank, water project - \$1,694.00, Great Plains Bank, payroll - \$3,236.10, Hawkins Water Treatment, chlorine cylinder - \$5.00, Heartland Waste Management, sanitation transfer fees - \$5,136.00, Hemmingson, Ron, hauled snow - \$37.50, JP Lumber, supplies & repairs \$36.61, K & A Implement, LLC, supplies \$125.34, Kary's, gas & tire - \$154.44, Ken's

Food Fair, cleaning supplies - \$20.89, Les's Standard, supplies - \$113.64, Lyle Signs, speed limit sign - \$42.92, Matheson Tri-gas, cylinders -\$7.75, Montana Dakota Utilities, utilities \$4,273.90, Northeast Council of Government, 2014 JCA Dues - \$1,484.50, Northwest Blade, minutes & ordinances - \$188.27, Northern Plains, diesel & kerosene - \$2,641.60, Ottenbacher, Bobbi, mileage - \$20.00, Servall, cleaning supplies - \$94.51, SDDENR, wastewater fee discharge permit - \$1,500.00, SD Dept of Revenue, drivers licenses - \$125.00, SD Retirement, retirement - \$1,356.96, SD Sales Tax, sales tax & excise tax - \$456.65, SD Unemployment, unemployment insurance - \$9.91, SD Water & Wastewater Assn, wastewater renewal - \$20.00, US Postal Service, postage stamps - \$92.00, Valleytel, phone utilities - \$319.76, Wellmark, health insurance - \$1,091.63.

January Bills:

FEM Electric, utilities - \$1,225.84, First National Bank, SRF Loan - \$3,342.03, First National Bank, SRF Loan \$12,304.16, Great Plains Bank, WEB Bond - \$4,828.84, WEB Water, water utilities - \$5,062.16

A motion was made by Regula and seconded by Goehring to approve the building permits presented by Teresa and L. Terry Allen, Odessa Revocable Trust (Daren Fischer) and Craig and Polly Gab. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The City of Eureka is hosting the 2014 District Meeting on March 25, 2014, at the Eureka Country Club.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Bertsch to keep the election date of April 8, 2014, if an election is needed. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Weisbeck contacted Vosika Fencing of Aberdeen to get a bid for a privacy chain length fence. A resident has requested that the City look at putting the wooden fence back up. This will be tabled until the February meeting.

The 2014 Government Day at the Legislature will be held February 4 and 5, 2014, in Pierre.

The City council reviewed the time frame to repair curb stop leaks. The City will deal with each curb stop leak on a one to one basis, so no changes will be made at this time.

The Library Annual Report was submitted. The Council would like to thank Susan Fischer for her work and dedication to the library.

Lifeguard positions were discussed for summer employment. A motion was made by Goehring and seconded by Bertsch to advertise for summer lifeguards in the Northwest Blade. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Obenauer and seconded by Bertsch to approve the Resolution 2014R-1 - 2014 Employee Wages. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

2014 Employee Wages

WHEREAS, the City of Eureka has a municipal ordinance which specify the salaries, and

WHEREAS, the City council of the City of Eureka has the power to establish the amount of salaries, and

WHEREAS, the City council of the City of Eureka has determined the amounts of the following hourly salaries for the year 2014.

Darvin Ackerman \$8.25 per hour, Guy Boschee \$19.50 per hour, Brandon DuQuette \$16.50 per hour, Susan Fischer \$11.75 per hour, Bobbi Ottenbacher \$16.25 per hour, Paulette Bauer \$11.50 per hour, Jennifer Huettl - \$10.50 per hour and lifeguards \$9.25 per hour.

The salary for Mayor is \$275.00 per month plus \$30.00 per special meeting, and the salary for Councilmember is \$175.00 per month, plus an additional \$30.00 per special meeting, payable quarterly. Substitute librarians or other workers will received \$7.25 per hour.

Dates this 13th day of January, 2014.

Lloyd L. Miller – Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbi Ottenbacher – Finance Officer

The South Dakota Public Assurance Alliance will not be renewing Hagan Benefits, Inc. contract in 2015. The Finance Officer will check with the South Dakota Municipal League for any future options that the City may have.

The City reviewed a resident's current billing with two water meters. As long as there are two hookups the resident will have to be billed for two separate meters unless one of the lines is abandoned. Weisbeck will visit with the resident.

A motion was made by Billotto and seconded by Regula to Adjourn. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

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Lloyd L. Miller – Mayor

Bobbi Ottenbacher – Finance Officer