

Minutes of the September 9, 2013 City Council Meeting

The meeting of the Eureka City Council was called to order on September 9, 2013 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 were Linda Bergman with the Northwest Blade and Lucas Hoover with Helms and Associates.

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

This being the time and place as advertised, a public hearing was held for the approval of a Temporary Malt Beverage License for the Eureka Fire Department Annual Steak Fry. No one appeared before the council. The Eureka Fire Department also requested permission to do a Poker Run and a Raffle. A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Goehring to allow the Eureka Fire Department a Temporary Malt Beverage License and to give permission for a poker run and a raffle. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Lucas Hoover was present for the approval on the bid opening for the Phase II Wastewater Project. Four bids were received and opened at 4:00 p.m. on September 9, 2013 at the municipal building. Bids were received from: KHC Construction, Schedule B Bid for \$364,660.00; Quam Construction, Schedule A Bid for \$423,447.50 and Schedule B Bid for \$353,775.00; Dahme Construction, Schedule A Bid for \$299,164.00; and Schedule B Bid for \$276,652.00. Duinink, Inc., Schedule A Bid for \$369,267.20. Dahme Construction was within the budget and the completion date of June 1, 2014. July 1, 2014 will be the final or substantial final day for all work to be completed and final payment will be made at that time. A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Obenauer to approve the Dahme Construction bid for Schedule A \$299,164.00 and Schedule B \$276,652.00 contingent on the funding and background check that are of normal routine with the completed necessary paperwork. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

A police report was presented prior to the council meeting and was reviewed. Warzecha had 168 City hours and 47 county hours.

Dennis and Margie Walker were present to discuss the removal of an electrical pole on K Avenue and move it three feet closer on their property. There are no easements for this light and the Walkers would like MDU to remove the old service and upgrade service for more power efficiency. The light would be three feet closer if it could be rewired. A motion was made by Obenauer and seconded by Goehring to move the pole and hookup power with all cost to MDU. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The electrical panel at the north picnic shelter has been replaced.

The 10' main from our well fields was already in a steel casing and did not need the parts to change it out, so all parts will be sent back to Dakota Supply Group.

The plans for 7th Street and 11th Street have been forwarded from Helms and we now know where all lines flow. Many lines were single structures and now have multiple sewer hookups. The runs will be shortened up so will be easier for the plumbers to clean them.

The corner of 6th Street and F Avenue has been surveyed. One pin was missing and it has been set. Finance Officer will check on the appraised value and it will be reviewed in October.

The downtown streets and funding were discussed with Val Jensen from Northeast Council of Government on September 5, 2013. Val suggested we determine which streets need to be done and hire an engineer to do some core samples which will tell the amount of base course that lies beneath the streets. Then we can get the total cost of the project as this would be a loan for the City as there are no funds for this. By doing the preliminary work, we have everything in place to budget for this in the future. This was tabled until October.

A motor and pump were replaced at the lift station by the fire hall. It will cost about \$1,000.00 to get another spare pump.

The Highway 10 project is currently on schedule. The sewer main will be installed shortly and they will be moving onto the side streets.

The county employees helped clean up the trees after the storm. The City will pick up resident branches one time before the regular scheduled pickup due to the storm.

There was discussion on the code enforcement court cases set for September 10, 2013.

Arvig will be starting the fiber optic work for Valleytel. They have a 90 day period to complete the installation work.

The manhole on G Avenue and 11th Street keeps popping off. Asphalt will be added to the top of it.

The wiring for the lift station with the Phase II project will be underground and the City will pay FEM Electric directly for this. FEM Electric requires the meter socket to be mounted to a pole rather than the building.

A motion was made by Billotto and seconded by Bertsch to approve Change Order #2 for Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$79,405.65. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Obenauer abstained. 5 ayes and 1 nay. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Regula to approve Pay Request 7. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Weisbeck to approve the pay request for Interstate Engineering on the Design of the Runway Rehabilitation. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

Mark Opp joined the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Leslie Knoepfle, Duane Wanner and Clyde Ottenbacher joined the meeting for the discussion of curb and gutter on 4th Street. The property owners were not interested in pursuing the curb and gutter at this time. The City will take no action on this. It is up to the property owners to pursue it in the future, if they so desire. All left the meeting.

Jaci Eberhart, Wanda Jundt, Clyde Ottenbahcer, Jack Goetz, and Marva Dais joined the meeting representing Eureka Community Development Corporation. Eberhart started out saying how important ECDC, the Chamber and the City are. We all volunteer our time to make Eureka a better place. Jundt took over the conversation and stated that the biggest thing ECDC did this past year was to help a local business get started. They have worked with other businesses that have inquired about being in Eureka. ECDC has met with a group that suggested setting three priority projects on every agenda and discuss them each time and if they don't have any ideas on that project then eliminate it and add something new. The financial statements were discussed. Link-It has ceased all operations in South Dakota, so ECDC will not get any reimbursement from them. If Link-It files bankruptcy then ECDC may get something at that time. The Mayor thanked ECDC for coming and will consider their request as the City has the final reading of the budget. All left the meeting.

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

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

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Regula to approve the bills with discussion on the Glacial Lakes & Prairie Tourism Advertising and Danko. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

August Financials:

Finance Office - \$4,118.36, Gen. Gov't. Bldgs - \$211.92, Streets - \$1,767.72, Park - \$2,097.76, Library - \$642.27, Water - \$702.85, Sewer - \$2,311.21, Sanitation - \$702.79

August Bills:

A & B Business, copier contract/office supplies - \$292.72, Gary Ackerman, wire supplies - \$29.50, ACME, repair & maintenance - \$279.99, American Legion, baseball program -

\$2,000.00, Anderson Western, transportation for hot mix - \$975.00, Avera Queen of Peace, random drug screening - \$118.74, Bank of America, wireless device - \$46.20, Bank of America, Amazon books - \$300.81, Bank of America, fluorescent dye - \$79.98, Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, attorney fees - \$576.66, Cash, postage & water samples - \$27.09, Clark Engineering Corp., survey fees - \$954.14, Dakota Supply Group, water, park, sewer supplies & repairs - \$2,831.97, Eureka Manufacturing, shipping water meters - \$462.40, Eureka Sportsman Club, carp tournament - \$250.00, Great Plains Bank, ACH water utilities - \$14.80, Great Plains Bank, water revenue bond #1 - \$11,856.85, Great Plains Bank, payroll tax supplement - \$23.02, Great Plains Bank, Artesian Well - \$1,089.46, Hawkins, chlorine cylinder - \$5.00, Heartland Waste Management, collection fees - \$5,178.80, High Point Networks, repair shop computer - \$152.50, JP Lumber, water, shop, sewer & park supplies/repairs - \$401.33, Ken's Food Fair, cleaning - \$36.83, Mathiason Tri-Gas, chlorine cylinder - \$21.50, McPherson County Auditor, police contract - \$3,500.00, McPherson County Highway Dept., oil & truck use - \$204.11, Michael Todd, baffle strip for sweeper - \$194.82, Montana Dakota Utilities, utilities - \$4,778.41, Northern Plains, propane/diesel - \$5,344.44, Northwest Blade, advertising & minutes - \$394.72, Bobbi Ottenbacher, mileage FEMA PDM meeting - \$25.90, Connie Rau, setup network system - \$150.00, SD Assn. of Rural Water Systems, annual dues - \$410.00, SD Dept. of Revenue, drivers license - \$345.00, SD Dept. of Transportation, welcome to Eureka - adv. sign - \$16.00, SD One Call, July message fees - \$13.65, SD One Call - message fees - \$15.75, SD Retirement, retirement - \$1,316.98, SD State Treasurer, sales tax remittance - \$490.36, Servall, cleaning supplies - \$303.73, State Health Laboratory, water samples - \$135.00, US Postmaster, stamps - \$46.00, Valley Telecommunications, phone utilities & labor for system - \$768.78, Valley Telecommunications, security system - \$436.55, Weisbeck Construction, labor & materials round reservoir - \$6,720.00, Wellmark, health insurance - \$2,338.68

September Bills:

FEM, utilities - \$1,001.19, Great Plains Bank, payroll taxes - \$3,248.19, Great Plains Bank, water project - \$1,694.00, Interstate Engineering, runway project - \$12,754.09, WEB Water, utilities - \$6,534.76.

A motion was made by Billotto and seconded by Regula to approve the building permits as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Discussion on putting funds aside to make the City office handicap accessible was tabled until 2015 budget is put together.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Obenauer to approve the second reading of 2013O-7 and to adopt the 2014 Appropriation Budget. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

A motion to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2013O-8 - Amending Tree Height in the Boulevards was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Obenauer. A roll call vote was

taken. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Unanimous Vote. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Goehring to purchase two cameras with one facing the counter and one in the hallway by the front door. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The City Attorney Fees have increased from \$125.00 per hour to \$175.00 per hour.

A resolution on the new FEMA PDM Mitigation Policy will be mandatory in the near future if we want to be considered for any FEMA funds if a disaster would take place.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Goehring to do the summer fill at the \$1.20 and contract \$5000.00 for the season. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Billotto and seconded by Weisbeck to allow the Finance Officer to attend the NEFOG meeting in Aberdeen on Wednesday September 18, 2013. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The City received an EII Grant Award in the amount of \$23,000.00. A new mower has been purchased and the remainder of the funds can be used in the new year. The old mower will be surplus and sold in the spring.

A motion was made by Obenauer and seconded by Regula to approve the Letter of Acceptance for the 2012 Audit Report. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Regula and seconded by Billotto to allow and to pay expenses for the Finance Officer, Mayor and any council member to attend the annual conference in Aberdeen, on October 8-11, 2013. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Stop signs and yield signs by the hospital were discussed. No action was taken.

An issue with the new compost site ordinance was discussed. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Bertsch to put the street light back up on K Avenue. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Mark Opp left the meeting.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Billotto to go into executive session at 9:36 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Ottenbacher and Bergman left the meeting.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Regula to come out of executive session at 9:48 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Ottenbacher and Bergman joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Weisbeck to offer the cleaning position to Jennifer Huettl on a 90 day probation period at \$10.00 per hour. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

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

Lloyd L. Miller - Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbi Ottenbacher - Finance Officer