

Minutes of the May 11, 2015 City Council Meeting

The meeting of the Eureka City Council was called to order on May 11, 2015, at 7:00 pm by Mayor Opp in the councilroom of the Municipal Building with the following present: Mayor Opp, Councilmembers: Bertsch, Billotto, Goehring, Obenauer, Weisbeck, and Asst. Finance Officer Bauer. Others present were Diane Boschee, Anita Duquette, John & Renee Schwingler, Dennis Heilman, Dennis Schwingler, Ken Martin and Clyde Ottenbacher. Absent: Regula

A motion was made by Billotto seconded by Obenauer to accept the agenda. Motion carried. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Bertsch to accept the Minutes of April 27, 2015, April 20, 2015 and April 13, 2015 with the following changes: April 13, 2015 should have read Rob and Trish Grajczyk were representing the Eureka Ambassadors to request a malt beverage license. April 27, 2015, should have stated Weisbeck sustained from voting. 5 aye 1 sustained. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A motion was made by Billotto seconded by Goehring to accept the bills as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Bertsch to adopt the 2nd reading of the compost site. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

Grease Traps were discussed, will be tabled til June meeting.

Chris and Kristi Gonska joined the meeting.

April Financials: None were giving

April Bills: Arts Body Shop - \$45.00 fire extinguisher , A & B Business - \$280.16 office supplies, Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, LLC - \$1,388.75 Attorney Fees, Paulette Bauer - \$30.00 Notary Fee, Eureka Ready Mix - \$60.00 supplies, FEM Electric - \$838.06 Electricity, First National Bank - \$17,357.83 SRF Loan, First National Bank - \$3,342.03 Drinking Water SRF, Kathy Gab - \$8.50 Election Counter, Bonnie Kary - \$106.25 Election Superintendent, Sharon Kunz - \$8.50 Election Counter, Tonya Maier - \$8.50 Election Counter, Janice Serr - \$106.25 Election Worker, Kathy Thompson - \$106.25 Election Worker, Grassland Goodies - \$55.12 Supplies, Great Plains Bank - \$15.10 Utilities Fee, Great Plains Bank - \$4,283.82 Payroll Tax, Heartland Waste - \$4,825.70 Sanitation, JP Lumber - \$181.43 Supplies, Ken's - \$93.00 Supplies, Lyle Signs - \$268.76 Signs, MDU - \$4,361.70 Utilities, Premier Equipment - \$844.84 Supplies, Servall - \$100.14 Cleaning Supplies, SD Dept. of Revenue - \$250.00 Drivers License, SD State Treasurer - \$405.87 Sales Tax, SD Retirement System - \$1,425.68 SD Retirement, The Stop - \$235.04 Supplies, The Pride of Prairie - \$9.50 Advertising, ValleyTel- \$331.16 Phone Utilities, WEB Water - \$5,045.62 Water Utilities, WellMark - \$2,197.13 Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ricardo Weisbeck - \$55.00 Travel to Dist. Meeting, Cash - \$66.10 Postage Stamps, McPherson County Auditor - \$3,500.00 Police Contract, US Postal Service - \$549.00 Water Bills and Postage, Bank of America - \$980.08 Supplies, Dakota Country - \$30.00 Supplies, Dakota Backup - \$149.31 Computer Backup, Eureka Plumbing & Heating - \$102.80 Supplies, Matheson - \$8.40 Acetylene, Blewh Group - \$4024.00 Land Purchase, Great Plains Bank - \$69,500.00 Transfer to savings.

Discussion was held on the Dennis Schwingler building permit, City Attorney Lovrien feels there should be no meeting because the paper printed the 13th of May and the letters were sent out for the 14th of May for the Zoning Board Meeting. Phone call was made to Attorney Lovrien on the dates the zoning board meeting was to be held. He suggested that the Zoning Board reschedule a new date. A motion was made by Obenauer seconded by Goehring to follow the city attorneys recommendation on resetting the date. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Absent Regula.

Dennis Schwingler left the meeting.

There was discussion on the grand stands and the cement work, for the bleachers a rough estimate \$10,000 each. Motion by Bertsch seconded by Obenauer to cement and close off the bleachers with no access. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

Discussion was held on the estimate by 4DK Electric for electricity by the ball park. Motion by Weisbeck seconded by Billotto to spend up to \$3400.00 on Electricity with the city employees doing the trenching and laying the wire. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

Prime Time Restaurant and Bar owes the City of Eureka \$1919.80 for a bill from March 2015, Chris said he won't pay this bill until his sidewalk is fixed from the damage of digging up the street in front of his business. Chris is to write a letter about the damage to his sidewalk and the City will present it to Duininck Construction. We advised Chris that our policy is 60 days and it will be turned over to Collection Agency.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Billotto to adjourn with the Old City Council. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A 10 minutes break was taken at 8:05 pm

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 pm

New Councilmembers took over at 8:20 pm, they are: Bertsch, Billotto, Heilman, Obenauer, Regula, Weisbeck.

A motion was made by Bertsch seconded by Obenauer to appoint Weisbeck as Board President. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A motion was made by Obenauer seconded by Weisbeck to appoint Bertsch as Board Vice President. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Bertsch to appoint Nicole Gruebele as Finance Officer and Marshall Lovrien as City Attorney. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A motion was made by Obenauer seconded by Heilman to appoint Laurie LaCoursiere and Bruce Alexander to Park Board. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

A motion was made by Billotto seconded by Weisbeck to appoint Nicole Gruebele Executive Director for the Zoning Board. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

Mayor Opp presented 4 names to run for Zoning Board with 1 vacancy to be filled: Renee Schwingler, Wesley Hilgemann, Tim Kauk and Bob Weber. A motion was made by Bertsch seconded by Obenauer to appoint Bob Weber to the Zoning Board. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Heilman to approve the Airport Board. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

Mayor Opp presented 2 names to run for HRC Board with 2 vacancies to be filled: Lana Hoff and Daren Fischer. A motion was made by Heilman seconded by Billotto to approve the HRC Board and to appoint Paulette Bauer as Executive Director. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Bertsch seconded by Weisbeck to authorize the Finance Office to Pay MDU,WEB,FEM, Payroll related bills & Meeting to attend prior to Council meetings.. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

Jeff Neuharth McPherson County Commissioner was present to see if there is any concerns on the Sheriff Dept. The board said everything was fine.

Deputy Ted Smith gave his police report.

John & Renee Schwingler left the meeting.

Public Works Director report was presented. No action was taken on the pump.

SDML Finance Officer School is June 10-12, 2015 in Pierre, SD, Motion by Bertsch seconded by Weisbeck to allow Asst. Finance Officer Bauer and Finance Officer Gruebele to attend Finance Officer School. The Office will be closed for the 3 days in June. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Billotto to approve the Malt Beverage License for Prime Time and Lyric Lanes. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Bertsch to have City Landfill Opened on Saturday May 23 and Monday May 25 thru Saturday May 30, 2015 from 1-7 PM, Free of Charge. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Billotto seconded by Heilman to accept the building permits. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

The Eureka Lake will be open on Saturday June 6, 2015 from 1-9 PM thru August 2015.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Obenauer to allow Public Works Director Guy Boschee to take Personnel Leave on Tuesday May 12, 2015. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

Doug Kirkus sent information that the City is covered under the general liability portion of our policy at the Shooting Range.

Bud McCurley asked permission to hook up to City Water and pay for it at his own expense. The City tabled this.

A motion was made by Heilman seconded by Billotto to run an ad in the Northwest Blade for a Public Auction to sell a 50 X 93 Lot across from Kary's Service Station, on Tuesday June 2, 2015, 7:00 pm \$1560 with a starting bid 10% below the appraised value. With a stipulation that a real estate property has to be established by a real business 1 year of the closure or the City will retain the property. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Bertsch to go into executive session at 10:14pm. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

Asst. Finance Officer Bauer, Dianee Boschee, Anita Duquette, Ken Martin left the meeting.

Asst. Finance Officer Bauer joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Bertsch to come out of executive session at 11:05 PM. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Obenauer to meet with Public Works Director Guy Boschee 2 times a month. Weisbeck will monitor it. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Billotto seconded by Heilman to hire Sandy Kirschemen @ \$10.25 an hour to work up to 10 hrs a week. All voted Aye. Motion carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Weisbeck seconded by Obenhauer to pay Bobbi Ottenbacher 28 hrs of Vacation Time from 2014 and 70 hrs of Vacation Time from 2015. Weisbeck- yes, Obenhauer – yes, Heilmam – yes, Billotto – yes, Bertsch – yes. Motion Carried. Absent Regula.

A motion was made by Billotto seconded by Bertsch to adjourn the meeting @ 11:20pm. All voted Aye. Motion Carried. Absent Regula

Mayor – Mark Opp

ATTEST:

Paulette Bauer – Asst. Finance Officer