

Velva City Commission Meeting
REGULAR SESSION APRIL 23, 2018 7:00PM

Velva City Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Commissioner Jennifer Soli. Pledge recited. In attendance: Commissioners: Ben Zietz, Tom Foley (speakerphone), Dave Keller (FaceTime). Also in attendance, Heather King, Kerry Wyche, Jim Wilson, Ron Nagle, Mary Liz Davis, Heather Tudor, Ivan Canevello, Norm Sollid, Emma Keller, Alan Walter, Bailey Martin, Karen Morse, Rhonda Loberg, Almaree Anderson, Roger Bauch, Gretta Holt, Cory Holt, Jill Lohnes, Jeremy Moore, Chery Bourdeau, Sean Dafferner, Cindy Shattuck, Kim Hollenbeck, Alden Hollenbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Duchsherer, Lori Klimpel.

Minutes from last council meeting were not present. Council will wait to approve 4/9/2018 minutes next Commission meeting.

PAYROLL & BILLS

Motion Foley/Zietz to approve the bills in their entirety. No discussion. All ayes.

Vendor Name	Check Amount
AFLAC	607.14
AUTO VALUE MINOT	62.95
BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF ND	3,865.33
CIRCLE SANITATION	5,808.75
DAKOTA FLUID POWER INC	351.30
HAWKINS INC	942.61
K & R CONTRACTING, LLC	2,280.00
KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING	303.23
NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM	9,250.00
NORTHERN TIER CC	12.11
OTTERTAIL POWER	4,229.38
Perfect Petals Flower Shop	86.99
STARION BOND SERVICES	19,985.25
SWANSTON EQUIPMENT	203.34
TC SPECIALTIES	37.25
VERIZON	321.96

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Ben Zietz, Street Commissioner, stated signs on the streets are no longer allowed. Our Cost Participation and Maintenance Agreement with the NDDOT states there cannot be any encroachments in the right of way. Zietz has had a couple of verbal complaints about the sign in the middle of Main Street but no formal complaints.

Jen Soli, stated it was time for the Auditor and Deputy Auditor's 90 day evaluation. The Commission decided Auditor and Deputy Auditor should receive a \$2.00 raise per hour. Motion to approve Zietz/Foley. No discussion. All ayes.

ENGINEERING:

Levee certification (LOMR) is completed. LOMR is ready to be signed and submitted. A check for \$9250.00 needs to be sent to FEMA. Motion to approve Dave Keller to sign the Levee Evaluation paperwork Zietz/Foley. All ayes.

Motion to pay FEMA \$9250.00 Foley/Zietz. No Discussion. All ayes.

Zietz pointed out the new road in the park is holding water in the middle. Alan Walter said he would look into it.

ATTORNEYS REPORT

Jim Wilson is still working on Velva's Personnel Manual. Wilson received an email from H. King about a request for the ND Risk Survey. After hours of research, Wilson could not find any information if request was exempt from the public. He will make a request to the Attorney General this week for his opinion and get back to King.

KELLY'S REPORT

GAMING

POLICE

Foley said he has received complaints about the speed of trains going through town and Robert Gackle filed a formal complaint about the train whistle blowing at night. Dave Keller explained that the engineer must blow the whistle at every crossing or he/she could be terminated. A "Quiet Zone" was mentioned for the crossing, but would come at a high price.

Foley also mentioned that he has had complaints about trucks air breaking in town.

CITY AUDITOR

Heather King mentioned the job fair on 4/26 and introduced Jeremy Moore from Blattner Energy. Moore wanted to let the city know that a wind farm will be going up South of town and there will be at least 150-200 people working on this project. The project will have 29 wind turbines.

COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC WORKS

OLD BUSINESS

Norm Sollid and Alan Walter discussed the differences in their surveys of the old Cenex Store. Sollid and Walter decided to meet on a later date and work on the surveys to agree on measurements.

NEW BUSINESS

Loberg property discussed. Loberg sisters attended and explained how they would like to develop their inherited property from their parents. Loberg family asked the Commission to agree on a right-of-way into their property so they can start developing the property. Commission decided to move the Loberg property discussion for the next meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS

Motion to approve building permits for Hoff, Knaup and Mullikin. Foley/Zietz to approve. No discussion. All ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Liz Davis expressed her concerns of the city streets. Zietz explained that lack of funds is the problem. Zietz and Walter decided to look at all the streets and see which ones are in need of repair. Zietz will look into renting a crack filler to help with repair of the streets.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:54pm by Zietz/Soli. All ayes.

Minutes are subject to amendment and approval.

Tom Foley
Acting President

Heather King
Auditor