

Velva Regular Commission Meeting

June 8, 2020

7:00pm

Velva City Hall

Velva City Commission meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Commission President Jennifer Barta. Roll Call was done by Barta, Commissioners: President Jennifer Barta, Dave Keller, Tom Foley, Ben Zietz and Mary Liz Davis. Also in attendance: Alan Walter, Emma Lavachek, Kelly Jemtrud, Ron Nagle and Jenny Johns. Guests including: Heather Tudor, Laurie Klimpel (Zoom); Tom Bodine and Caroline Bodine, Gene and Donna Jensen, Cindy Shattuck and Sonja Kessler. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

Motion by Daviz/Zietz to approve the minutes from the May 26 City Commission meeting, and the May 28 and June 3 special meetings. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion carried.

PAYROLL & BILLS

Motion by Foley/Davis to approve the bills to be paid in the amount of \$11,448.71 and Payroll for \$15,869.77. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion carried.

CITY OF VELVA, ND

Check Register for Peoples State Bank

Period	Check #	Vendor Name	Check Amount	Date Issued
6/20	34549	3-D SPECIALTIES, INC	\$ 1,696.25	06/09/20
6/20	34550	ACME TOOLS	\$ 88.35	06/09/20
6/20	34551	BAG LLC	\$ 237.90	06/09/20
6/20	34552	BDS (VALLI)	\$ 104.87	06/09/20
6/20	34553	CORE & MAIN	\$ 197.50	06/09/20
6/20	34554	DAKOTA AGRONOMY PARTNERS	\$ 92.50	06/09/20
6/20	34555	DXP	\$ 89.59	06/09/20
6/20	34556	Ferguson Waterworks #2516	\$ 426.02	06/09/20
6/20	34557	GOOSENECK IMPLEMENT	\$ 229.67	06/09/20
6/20	34558	HAWKINS INC	\$ 1,820.26	06/09/20
6/20	34559	HOME OF ECONOMY INC	\$ 132.74	06/09/20
6/20	34560	KEVINS PLUMBING & HEATING	\$ 447.72	06/09/20
6/20	34561	MCGEE HANKLA BACKES PC	\$ 2,329.00	06/09/20
6/20	34562	MIKE HEISLER	\$ 731.25	06/09/20
6/20	34563	MOUSE RIVER OIL COMPANY INC	\$ 237.05	06/09/20
6/20	34564	NORTHWEST TIRE INC.	\$ 103.76	06/09/20
6/20	34565	ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	\$ 16.80	06/09/20
6/20	34566	PAMELA JEMTRUD	\$ 450.00	06/09/20
6/20	34567	RON NAGLE	\$ 47.15	06/09/20
6/20	34568	ROUGH RIDER INDUSTRIES	\$ 1,214.40	06/09/20
6/20	34569	TRACTOR SUPPLY CREDIT PLAN	\$ 272.18	06/09/20
6/20	34570	VELVA DRUG COMPANY	\$ 36.60	06/09/20
6/20	34571	VELVA PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$ 196.59	06/09/20
6/20	34572	WESTERN STEEL & PLUMBING	\$ 250.56	06/09/20
Totals:			\$ 11,448.71	

GUESTS

Gene and Donna Jensen addressed the Commission regarding the rodeo grounds traffic by their house and the speed of travel past the swimming pool during business hours. There is great concern for the safety of the children

who live and play in that area. Mr. Jenson is recommending a 3-way stop sign at the corner of 1st Avenue and 6th street West. Discussion ensued on getting the Sheriff's Department notified as well as contacting Dakota Fence to price out their non-permanent speed bump strips. Zietz/Foley made a motion to make the intersection of 1st Avenue and 6th Street West a 3-way stop. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion Carried. Davis/Zietz made a motion to place two non-permanent speed bump strips, at the discretion of the public works department, between the rodeo grounds entrance and the swimming pool entrance. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Caroline Bodine was in attendance. She has received a \$20,000 grant for Velva's FFA group for a city orchard! Discussion ensued on land options. Jemtrud will take President Barta and Miss Bodine around to look at the best areas for the orchard.

ENGINEERING

Alan Walter and Emma Lavachek have applied for a grant for monies to fund the shared use path to the golf course. The Garrison Diversion also has grant opportunities available up to \$100,000. Keller had a question about the cattails and the Corp of Engineers involvement. Lavachek started working on the USDA grant. Keller/Foley made a motion for permission to pursue the Garrison Diversion grant. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion Carried. Barta asked for an update on the MDU meeting. Walter will set it up ASAP.

GAMING

Sonja Kesler from the Lariat presented a gaming permit from the American Legion Post 91 out of New Salem. Discussion ensued on how the 40% donation will be paid. Keller brought up a previous gaming organization failure. Barta mentioned that the Velva Fire Department gaming organization has brought in over one million dollars in the past 30-years to Velva. Kesler will complete the permit and it will be readdressed at the next meeting.

The Velva American Legion Post 39 presented a gaming permit application. Foley/Zietz made a motion to approved the gaming License. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion Carried.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT/FINANCE COMMISSIONER

Barta discussed the Governor's latest recommendations regarding Covid-19. Discussion ensued about the possibility of using Facebook Live or another broadcasting system for commission meetings. Barta presented an ordinance pertaining to Mobile Food Units. Johns is to look into the issue more and present at the next meeting. Johns is to check the breakdown for sales tax monies.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Water Commissioner: Zietz discussed the Smith Farms elevator and the nuisance regarding the rotting grain, and tall weeds and grass violation. A \$500 violation notice was sent. Send another if the issue is not resolved within ten days. Zietz stated that Velva has always had hard water. Zietz discussed an issue with the transfer pipe/gate valve at the lagoon. Jemtrud has lined up a diver to assist in the repair. Zietz/Keller made a motion to approve the repair up to \$5,000. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion Carried.

Street Commissioner: Davis stated that people are not to be blowing their grass clippings onto the street per the ordinance. Jemtrud gave a list of upcoming projects: street sign installation, continued mowing, curb painting, street repair project, fire hydrant replacement, lagoon repair and water meter replacement project, along with street sweeping and building and equipment maintenance.

Cemetery Commissioner: Keller stated that flowers at the cemetery should come off by June 10th. Discussion on reports of missing/stolen flowers and pots at the cemetery.

Police Commissioner: Foley asked about putting cameras at the cemetery.

Keller asked about deadline for street repair project and possibly extending it due to the Public Works Department's workload.

AUDITOR

Johns presented a liquor license/event permit transfer request from the Lariat to the Rodeo grounds on June 13th and June 21st. Keller/Foley made a motion to approve the two event permit transfers. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion Carried. Johns outlined the upcoming 2021 Budget season.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ASSESSOR

Nagle presented two building permits that were both recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Kevin Kittleson's sports complex permit for the football field, and Tyler Erickson's detached garage permit. Zietz/Foley made a motion to approve both building permits. Roll Call: Zietz, Foley, Davis, Barta-Aye/Keller-Nay. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS

Department previously discussed.

COMPLAINTS

Complaint letters discussed previously.

ADDITIONS

Cindy Shattuck asked questions about a missing sidewalk square on the walking trail back behind the school.

Barta made a statement: The Velva Chamber is doing a lot of work to beautify the city, please keep your lawn and yards tidy.

ADJOURNMENT

Barta adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Next Commission Meeting will be Monday, June 22 at 7:00pm.

If you would like to be on the agenda in the future, the deadline is Thursday at noon before a meeting.

*****Minutes are subject to amendment and approval*****

Jennifer Barta
Commission President

Jenny Johns
Auditor