

Velva City Commission Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2019 7:00pm

Velva City Commission meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Commission President Jennifer Soli. Pledge recited. In attendance: Commissioners: Jennifer Soli, Tom Foley(speakerphone), Dave Keller, Ben Zietz and Mary Liz Davis. Also in attendance, Heather King, Leo Walter, Ron Nagle and Alan Walter.

MINUTES

Motion Davis/Foley to approve the minutes from 06/10/19 (Planning and Commission) and 06/13/19 & 06/17/19 (Special Commission meetings). All ayes. Motion carried.

PAYROLL & BILLS

Motion Foley/Keller to approve the bills in their entirety. All ayes. Motion carried.

First District Heath Unit \$50.00; BDS (Valli) \$100.00; BCBS \$4,412.77; DL Barkie \$20,000.00; Heather King \$23.20; IRS \$3,691.41; Kerry Wyche \$118.32; NDPERS \$4,354.76; Pam Jemtrud \$450.00; Team Lab Chemical Corp. \$2,072.00; Velva Fresh Foods \$25.94; Verendrye Electric Coop \$1,333.34; Verizon \$161.01.

POLICE REPORT

GUESTS

Scott Blotter addressed the Commission about his concerns with Velva's water special assessments. Blotter requested the Commission make a motion to pay the surplus to Velva citizens. Soli explained the Commission is seeking legal counsel on the matter and cannot pay anything off until the 2014-2015 audits are complete.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Liz Davis talked about working on the Velva website. Motion Zietz/Foley to approve the plan for Municipal Impact for our website. Four: Ayes. Keller: Ney. Motion Carried.

Motion Zietz/Keller to approve to pay DL Barkie \$20,000.00 for park access. All Ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT

City Hall is still taking applications for the Auditor position until July 8. Soli thanked Heather King for all her work at City Hall. King's last day is June 28.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Finance Commissioner: Discussion on a hiring committee for a new Auditor. Commission decided the hiring committee would be Mary Liz Davis, Jen Soli and Kerry Wyche.

Discussion on how much to pay the new Auditor. Motion Keller/Davis to start Auditor salary at \$17.00-\$19.00 based on experience and reevaluate after 90 days. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Street Commissioner: Davis asked about street patching and weed spraying.

Cemetery Commissioner: Dave Keller asked about the labeling of plots. Heather King explained the cemetery maps need to be updated.

Water Commissioner: Discussion on GIS website and the new computer.

Police Commissioner: Tom Foley thanked everyone who showed up for the first Town Hall. The second Town Hall scheduled for July 15 at 7:00pm at City Hall to discuss Police contract.

AUDITOR REPORT

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ASSESSOR

Discussion on condemning a property in town. Ron Nagle has been in contact with the owner and the Health Department. Discussion on how decrepit properties have become homes for cats and most likely contributing to the feral cat problem in town.

Commission discussed weed spraying and who is responsible for what areas of town.

ENGINEERING

Alan Walter told the Commission that the 41 Bridge would be rebuilt in 2021. Walter checked into adding a walking/biking path to the bridge. Walter and the Commission discussed writing a grant to help pay for a walking/biking path.

GAMING

PUBLIC WORKS

COMPLAINTS

Two certified letters were sent to a property owner.

BUILDING PERMITS

Motion Keller/Foley to approve the building permit for Erik and Nicole Espeseth's deck. All ayes.

Motion carried.

FYI

Next Commission Meeting will be Monday, July 8 at 7:00pm.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by President Jennifer Soli at 8:48pm.

Minutes are subject to amendment and approval.

Jennifer Soli
Commission President

Kerry Wyche
Deputy Auditor