

**VELVA CITY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR SESSION DEC 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 7:00PM**

Velva City Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Commission President Scott Blotter. Pledge recited. Introductions were done by Scott Blotter. In attendance; Jim Wilson, Scott Blotter, Judy Peterson, Dave Keller, Ben Zietz, Kelly Jemtrud, Ron Nagle, Alan Walter, James Witt, Madeline Kenn, Sean Daffner with Ottertail Motion Zietz/Keller to approve Regular Session minutes from 11/14/16 carried

**AUDITORS REPORT**

**Bills & Financials**

Ackerman-Estvold Engineering \$6,545.00; Acme Tools \$131.45; Aflac \$1,085.64; BHG Inc \$299.11; Black Mountain Software \$10,225.00; Blue Cross/Blue Shield \$4,800.69; Circle Sanitation \$5,570.75; Farmers Union Oil Co \$238.92; 1<sup>st</sup> District Health Unit \$44.00; Gaffaneys of Minot \$127.97; Gooseneck Implement \$299.36; Gravel Products Inc \$673.36; IHRY Ins Inc-Towner Hartford Flood Ins \$2,112.00; Hawkins \$1,005.74; ITron Inc \$1,597.22; Kemper Construction Co \$892.50; Kevin's Plumbing & Heating \$175.70; Main Electric Construction Inc \$2,064.42; Menards \$111.46; Mouse River Oil Co \$664.15; ND Sew Pump & Lift Station \$8,120.00; North Dakota Water Users Assoc \$100.00; NW Tire Inc- Minot Store \$388.00; Northern Tier CC \$104.63; One Call Concepts Inc \$5.00; Ottertail Power Co \$3,351.65; Pam Jemtrud \$450.00; RDO Equipment Inc \$115.44; Swanston Equipment Inc \$702.16; TC Specialties \$37.25; UNUM Life Insurance Co \$844.39; BDS (Valli) \$100.00; Velva Drug Co \$38.50; Velva Fresh Foods \$39.43; Walmart Community CC \$132.35; ND Rural Water Systems Association \$230.00; Judy Peterson \$75.22; Wilson Law Firm \$2,280.00

Motion Keller/Zietz to pay the bills in their entirety carried Roll Call Vote; Yes, Keller, Zietz, Blotter

Discussion was held in regards to the Snow Removal Contract for Souris Valley Care Center, Keller motioned to have the Contract to stay the same for the next 3 years. Motion Keller/Zietz Roll Call Vote; Yes, Keller, Zietz, Blotter

Discussion was held in regards to needing a City Commissioner on the Library Board, tabled until next meeting. Going to ask Jennifer Soli to run.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CITY COMPLAINTS**

**ATTORNEYS REPORT**

Discussion was held with Attorney Jim Wilson on the change for Setbacks. Stating any buildings will 6 feet from property line and 10 feet from any other building on the lot. Motion 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Section 16-1703 Zietz/Keller Roll Call Vote; Yes, Keller, Zietz, Blotter

Discussion was held in regards to changing the Dog Ordinance stating Rottweiler Breed of Dog is not allowed in the City of Velva. James Witt voiced his opinion in regards to his dog and stated that the dog is not vicious at all, very gentle. Witt stated that the Rottweiler Breed is not mean and it's on how they are raised. The dog does lunge out when he's on his leash but he's not mean. He just reacts like that. Madeline Kenn stated any breed of dog should not be singled out due to its breed. Kenn stated if there is a biting issue with a dog it should be looked and reviewed as an individual case. It's all between how they are raised. Dogs that look mean are not necessarily mean and shouldn't be judged of being a vicious animal. Blotter asked Jim Wilson that if someone came to him and said what do I do if someone states that someone in town has a Pit Bull. Jim Wilson stated characteristics of the Pit Bull could identify. But it would come to the owner to have to prove that the dog is or is not a Pit Bull breed. Jim Wilson stated that there is a website called [www.dogsbite.org](http://www.dogsbite.org) that states about dog bites, fatality and top dangerous dogs are Pit Bull, Rottweiler, German Shepard & ETC... Pit Bull owners state that when it's the dog, rather than how they are raised. Wilson stated that Pit Bulls are banned due to them when they bite they shake their head and don't let go. Never been a fatality reported in the State of North Dakota on the Rottweiler breed. Blotter asked if the dog owned by James Witt if Ordinance was passed if his dog would be grandfathered in. Wilson stated he could include the grandfathered clause in Ordinance Section 8-122. Zietz stated that Pit Bulls can be very gentle dogs as well. Keller stated to have the dog grandfathered clause in the Ordinance but going forward to not allow to have Rottweilers in the City of Velva. Blotter stated to have Wilson to rewrite Ordinance to state the Grandfather Clause and one stating that it's based on a case by case basis. When the owner brings the dog in to be licensed and see if dog is vicious or not. Madeline Kenn asked what do you consider lunging? If her dogs jump on the fence because someone is there would that be considered lunging. Kenn stated the research she had done to give to the James Wilson about dog bites and information she retrieved on the North Dakota Website as well. Blotter invited Witt and Kenn to the next meeting. No Motion Made

**BUILDING PERMITS**

**GAMING**

**POLICE**

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING**

**Kelly Jemtrud**

**Alan Walter**

Alan spoke on behalf of DL Barkie, wants to send a letter to Pam and she wanted dates of when the Road Project would be completed. Walter stated he wants to send a whole packet to her from Dave Warner from the Core. Original bid was \$154,000 but with all the extra rock they had to bring in it brought bid up to approx. \$212,000. Engineer estimated the bid at \$189,000. Blotter stated we are on a 60/40 grant and will the dollar amount be based on \$175,100.00 to be paid. Blotter asked what would happen if we were to table it until next Meeting. Walter stated that DL Barkie has done a lot of the work already and would like to get paid for what they have done so far. Keller made Motion to have \$150,000.00 and will discuss paying the rest on next Commission Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zietz; Roll Call Vote; Keller Yes, Zietz Yes, Blotter, No  
Toe drain was being worked on but with all the snow and weather we have gotten has put a damper on things.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion was held in regards to the Sale of City Properties. Blotter stated that the 2 lots in town should allow Economic Development; Tabled until next meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GUESTS**

Blotter introduced Sean Daffner from Ottertail and to the City Commissioners.

Mary Aaseth didn't show for the meeting.

Discussion was held on Cost of Living Pay Increase was not in the budget and Blotter asked to not allow Cost of Living Pay Increase at this time due to not being budgeted for.

**FYI**

Discussion was held in regards to have a couple of 5 or 10 min parking in front of the Post Office and Blotter stated and recommended he will check with DOT. Tabled until next meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm. Motion Zietz/Keller, Roll Call Vote; Yes, Keller, Zietz, Blotter

Commission President  
Scott Blotter

Deputy Auditor  
Judy Peterson