

**VELVA CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION MAY 8TH, 2017 7:00PM**

Velva City Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Commission President Scott Blotter. Pledge recited. Motion Keller/Foley to approve minutes from Regular Session, minutes from 04/24/17 carried Yes; Foley, Blotter, Soli, Keller

Blotter had done introductions

In attendance; Scott Blotter, Judy Peterson, Tom Foley, Jennifer Soli, Dave Keller, Jim Wilson, Kristen Bechtold, Mike Bechtold, William Bechtold, Eric Griffin, Dennis Bossert, Deanna Fransten, Amanda Carroll, Gerald Lohnes, Kelly Jemtrud, Greg Finneseth, Marlene Aaseth, Robin Sauter, Wendell Sauter, Cody Sauter, Joyce Anderson

AUDITORS REPORT

Bills & Financials

Acme Tools \$518.86; B & G Electric \$373.76; BHG Inc \$129.75; Black Mountain Software \$1,463.00; Farmers Union Oil Co \$46.55; Gooseneck Implement \$51.50; Hawkins Inc \$2,188.73; Mouse River Oil Co \$321.29; SRT \$455.22; Swanston Equipment \$953.23; TC Specialties \$37.25; The Computer Store \$247.00; Velva Drug Co \$12.90; Velva Fresh Foods \$59.43; Velva Glass & Auto \$399.25; Water Smith Inc \$1,145.00; Wilson Law Firm \$2,160.00.

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

NEW BUSINESS

CITY COMPLAINTS

ATTORNEYS REPORT

Discussion was held in regards to a complaint we received about Anhydrous Ammonia being hauled on Prospect Ave. Hall Road off of Highway 52 was build to haul the product in and out of town without having to go down Prospect Ave. Wilson stated there is no City Ordinance in place at this time that puts limits on hauling Anhydrous Ammonia within City limits. Mike Bechtold stated he has been hauling Anhydrous since he was in high school and he's never had an incident on Prospect Ave. Bill Bechtold stated he has been hauling for over 30 years and that tanks are inspected and up to snuff. Marlien Aaseth stated she has also been hauling Anhydrous for 15-20 years and have never had an incident. Dennis Bossert stated crossing Heritage Dr and Prospect, there is a stop sign there, and anhydrous haulers are not stopping at the stop signs. Joyce Anderson stated she also has been hauling 15-20 years with no incidents. Greg Finneseth stated back in the 80's a farmers tank had tipped over so accidents can happen. JP Lohnes stated the safest and shortest routes is the safest thing to do but has seen them going a little too fast and some carelessness. Wendell Sauter stated in front of his house a little kid almost was hit. Kids that live on the hill do not have anywhere to play so they come down to Prospect to ride bikes or go for walks. Wendell Sauter has a gentleman that hauls Anhydrous and does not allow him to haul on Prospect Ave. Cody Sauter stated he has hauled Anhydrous for many years and the shortest route is the route to be taking when going through residential areas. Robin Sauter stated on behalf of being an EMT if there ever was a leak or accident with Anhydrous it could be fatal to all infants or small children. Scott Blotter read letter from Fred Price, Price was unable to attend the meeting. Jen Soli asked if tanks are checked each time they are filled and was answered yes they are checked and inspected before filling each time. Soli asked if there was an accident on Prospect would the City be liable and Wilson stated it would not it would go back on the owner or farmer. Blotter commented he understands the concerns of turning on to Hwy 52 in front of traffic going 40 mph and hauling anhydrous you can only go 25 mph with tanks. Blotter asked for a motion. No motion made
Roger Sundsbak rental lease will be discussed at the next meeting

BUILDING PERMITS

Rob Walker- Gaskill- Fence

Jen Soli- Demo Permit

Jackie Mack- Demo & Building Permit to tear down shed and replace with new shed and to replace deck on the back of their home. Motion Foley/Keller to approve all 3 building permits; carried Roll Call Vote; Yes: Blotter, Foley, Keller; Abstained Soli

GAMING

POLICE

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING

Kelly Jemtrud

Kelly stated Tim is doing good and will be giving a 90 day evaluation report when that time comes.

Alan Walter

Alan was absent, Blotter spoke on his behalf and stated that Alan is working with Dig It Up for the Demo of the Welo.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Anhydrous Tank Hauling was discussed under the Attorney Report.

GUESTS

Deanna Fransten approached the City Commission in regards to parking around the school and in front of her house and her mailbox being blocked several times, crosswalks being blocked and when they are being blocked they cannot be used by children or handicap people. Fransten asked if part of the street where her mailboxes are could be painted yellow. Blotter stated he doesn't like the idea of that if we do for one we have to do for all. Blotter brought up a plan to implement one way streets. Soli asked with how much we are paying to McHenry County how much time are they to be designating to be here. Foley stated there is nowhere in the Ordinance that states they have to be within City Limits for a certain amount of time. Blotter stated we could possible hire an Ordinance Enforcer to take care of parking issues and junk autos. Kossan mentioned we could ask McHenry County to adjust their patrolling times. Lohnes asked is not this mainly back on school. Blotter stated the easiest thing is everyone to work together. Would like to see a group put together would like to see at least one or two Commissioners, 2 residents and 2 from the school board and possibly even a deputy. Amanda Carrolll stated she called 911 due to two teenagers playing chicken down Central Ave.

Wilson stated he has seen issues with this for about the last 4 years. We could pass an Ordinance to have a citizen write tickets. Hiring an enforcer would help resolve this issue. Soli asked what if they do not pay the ticket and Wilson stated we could assess it to taxes. Blotter stated he could assist on getting something to donate gravel. Blotter mentioned talking to Karen and Paul Thomas about donating gravel. Blotter appointed Jen Soli and Tom Foley to put a group together and will ask for follow up and status on that at the next Commission Meeting. Blotter stated to speak with a principal or superintendent or both to be on and come to the Meeting and possible speak with Dave from McHenry County Sherriff's Department.

FYI

Discussion was held in regards to the Main St Banners are going up and Ottertail is assisting with that.

Soli asked on status of the Reiswig dog and Blotter stated it was put in McHenry County's hands and have not heard anything. Anyone that is chased or has issues with the dog needs to come in and fill and sign a complaint form.

Someone went and chiseled off the letters from the Welo Building, Blotter spoke with McHenry County on it. Wilson stated it is in the States Attorneys hands.

Wilson stated he visited with Loberg's in regards to Alto Drive. Alto Drive is a street that was vacated many years ago and the owners that own the land above Alto Drive wants to have that vacation of the street undone. Would have to get easement from current owners. Wilson stated the City followed all procedures and was lawful in all the rules.

Loberg's want to move forward and have the vacation undone and pursue with developing.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Commission President
Scott Blotter

Deputy Auditor
Judy Peterson