

Velva Regular Commission Meeting

August 19, 2024

7:00pm

Velva City Hall

Velva City Commission meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Commission President Mike Schreiner. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll Call: Mike Schreiner – Commission President, Street/Finance; Mary Liz Davis – Police/Finance Commissioner; Dave Keller – Vice President, Police Commissioner (including Cemetery oversight); Ben Zietz – Water/Sewer Commissioner; Gene Jenson – Commissioner of Streets/Improvements (including Cemetery oversight); Kelly Jemtrud – Public Works; Jenny Johns – City Auditor; Kerry Wyche – Deputy Auditor; Alan Walter – Ackerman-Estvold Engineering. Guests: Tracy Krueger, Heather Tudor, Dave Dewanz and David Florey.

MINUTES: Motion by Keller/Jenson to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2024 regular meeting and special meetings on July 29 and August 6, 2024. Roll Call: All-aye; motion carried.

PAYROLL & BILLS: Davis/Zietz made a motion to approve the bills paid and bills to be paid in the amount of \$195,276.76 and Payroll for \$40,782.29. Roll Call: All-aye; motion carried.

A-1 Evans Septic Service \$275.00; Ackerman-Estvold \$9492.50; American Welding & Gas \$43.56; Bag LLC \$ 186.39; BND \$131,950.00; Chemistry Lab \$18.54; Circle Control Systems \$4,089.08; Circle Sanitation \$6912.00; Dakota Ag. Partners \$187.50; Dakota Underground Specialties \$135,809.70; 1st Dist. Health Unit \$60.00; Gooseneck Imp. \$162.52; Gustafson Septic Service \$24,450.00; Hawkins inc. \$2238.13; Hirshfeild's \$259.98; Home of Economy \$31.98; Mike Heisler \$1350.00; Morelli's Dist.-Minot \$112.20; Mouse River Oil \$1271.53; NAPA Auto Parts \$72.99; North Star Community CU-VISA \$948.51; Northwest Tire \$ 2147.10; One Call Concepts \$16.50; Otter Tail Power \$4324.40; P. Jemtrud \$450.00; Roughrider Mudjacking \$5,500.00; SRT \$500.74; Team Lab Chem. Corp \$7678.50; Tractor Supply Credit Plan \$284.99; VCDC \$20,000.00; Verizon \$269.08.

Reports of The President/Finance & Street Commissioner

Schreiner reviewed the police citations and discussion ensued with Dave Dewanz, McHenry Co. Deputy. Dog bite complaint was discussed. The owner of the dog was cited and dog was removed from Velva city limits. Police Service Contract Agreement discussed. Dave Keller expressed his grievances about the Police Contract. Keller is upset that Velva pays the most out of all the towns in McHenry County. Motion Davis/Zietz to approve contract. No more discussion. Ayes- Schreiner, Davis, Zietz; Nays- Keller, Jenson. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report:

Alan Walter discussed the Souris River Joint Board and North Prairie Rural Water letter regarding Levee Safety Concerns with NPRWD Water Line Crossings Velva, ND written by Davis Ashley (Chairman - SRJB). Walter asked the Commission to pay the fourth installment of the Master Lift Station Project. Jenson/Keller motion to pay the fourth installment of the Master Lift Station. All ayes – Motion Carried. Discussion on speed bump on Central Ave. East. Discussed new speed limit signs or an electronic speedometer to alert drivers of their speed coming into town.

Communications:

Velva Bulls (Chad Barstad, Greg Finneseth, James Anderson, Brock Nagel) submitted a request for \$90,000.00 from the VCDC. VCDC approved \$20,000.00. Discussion on use of the building on 116 Main St. North. The Velva Bulls hope to use the facility as a wrestling gym and also a community center, where it can be rented out for different events. Tracy Krueger (President VCDC) spoke for the grant request and Velva Bulls. Krueger stated they (Velva Bulls) are a 501c3 and members of the club and board are doing most of the work themselves to lower the cost of the renovations. Jenson/Keller motion

to approve \$20,000.00 from VCDC sales tax to go to Velva Bulls. No further discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Saint Cecila's Catholic Church submitted a raffle permit for their Fall supper. Keller/Davis motion to approve Fall supper raffle. No discussion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Reports of Officers, Boards, Committees

Commissioner Davis: Contacted McHenry police via e-mail to let them know she is the Police Commissioner. Davis asked to set a meeting about the 2025 budget.

Commissioner Keller: Keller had nothing to report.

Commissioner Zietz: Zietz had nothing to report.

Commissioner Jenson: Talked about tearing old trees out of the Velva cemetery.

Auditor's Report: Johns had nothing to report.

Assessor/Building Inspector: No report.

Public Works Report: Jemtrud had nothing to report.

Introduction & Adoption of Resolutions/Ordinances: Discussion on ordinance change, Sec. 30-165 Accessory Buildings. Jenson/Davis motion to adopt first reading. Discussion ensued. Davis asked about conex boxes. Shreiner said the Planning & Zoning committee had a long discussion and approved them under certain conditions. All ayes. Motion carried.

Personal Appearances: Personal appearances were previously discussed.

Unfinished Business: Appliance dump has been extended; collections are still being made at the drop off location if anyone needs to dispose of an appliance/metal.

New Business: no new business to discuss.

Additions: Velva school parking. Discussion on where students can park while the student parking lot is being paved. School Superintendent Mayer asked if the students could park where the "No Parking" signs were until the parking lot is finished. Commission agreed to eliminate parking restrictions until the student lot is complete. Discussion of traffic flow around the school. Deputies Dewanz and Florey suggested "one way" streets for 4th St. and 5th St. North.

Adjournment: With no other business to discuss, Schreiner adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

The next Commission Meeting will be Monday, August 19 at 7:00pm.

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

*****Minutes are Subject to Amendment and Approval*****

Mike Schreiner
Commission President

Jenny Johns
Auditor