

VELVA CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION, NOV 09TH, 2015 7:00PM

Velva City Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Commission President Scott Blotter. Pledge recited. Commissioners present; Anderson, Keller, Jacob.

Others in attendance; Alan Walter, Ron Nagle, Ken Kitelinger, Kelly Jemtrud, Jim Wilson, McKenzi Kossan.

Motion Keller/Jacob to approve the, Nov 9th, 2015 agenda with the addition of Plastic Recycling and Alleys under FYI. Voice call votes yes, unanimous.

Motion Jacob/Keller to approve the Oct 26th, 2015 Regular Session minutes carried. Voice call votes yes, unanimous.

GUESTS

Brent Fischer was unable to make it to the meeting, his issue of the sewer main going to his house is collapsing and whose responsibility it is to fix it was discussed. McKenzi was instructed by the commission to contact Mr. Fischer to have his plumber contact Kelly to find out exactly where the issue is. The City is responsible for the sewer main only, any other repairs beyond that are Mr. Fischer's.

Sharon Oster was unable to make the meeting, her issue of being targeted by the city because her landlord received a letter informing her that the water bill has not been paid for 60 days. The commission discussed this issue and informed McKenzi to contact Ms. Oster to inform her no action will be taken as this is the normal procedure outlined in the City ordinance.

AUDITORS REPORT

Motion Jacob/Keller to make the water rate increases take effect Jan 1, 2016 carried. Roll call votes Anderson-y, Keller-y, Jacob-y, Blotter-y, unanimous.

Motion Anderson/Jacob to approve the 2016 Janitorial Service Contract carried. Roll call votes Anderson-y, Keller-y, Jacob-y, Blotter-y, unanimous.

BILLS & FINANCIAL

Motion Jacob/Anderson to pay the bills in their entirety carried. Voice call votes yes, unanimous. Acme Tools \$314.16, BHG, Inc. \$242.88, Circle Sanitation \$5,567.75, Dakota Fluid Power, Inc. \$41.91, Farmer's Union Oil \$333.45, First District Health \$44.00, Gaffaney's \$ 12.29, Gooseneck Implement \$310.12, Gravel Products, Inc. \$734.33, Home of Economy \$85.93, Jeremy Jemtrud \$540.00, Job Service \$45.36, Kay Mikkelson \$36.00, Larry Johnson \$250.00, Lowe's Garden & Floral \$195.91, McHenry County Recorder \$69.00, Menard's \$75.01, Municipal Government Academy \$1,590.00, Ottetail \$3,457.50, Pam Jemtrud \$400.00, Sherwin-Williams \$114.99, Sun Prairie \$180.00, TC Specialties, Inc. \$37.25, VCDC \$5,000.00 and \$18,600.00, Velva Fresh Foods \$141.27, Velva Glass & Auto \$365.82, Wilson Law Firm \$2,180.00

BUILDING PERMITS

Motion Keller/Jacob to approve the Oak Valley Church building permit carried. Voice call votes yes, unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING

Kelly's Report

There was an electrical issue at the water plant, some parts need to be replaced, but it should all be fixed within a couple of weeks.

OLD BUSINESS

The Holt complaint was discussed. The Building Committee will spend the winter revamping the Building Permit, possibly starting from scratch. They would also like to recommend removing the sentence pertaining to overhangs in the Accessory Building Ordinance as not all buildings, i.e. sheds, come with gutters or overhangs, to include some older houses. This will be decided on at a later date.

Motion Keller/Jacob the person submitting the permit will attend the Building Committee meeting carried. Voice call votes yes, unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission directed the City Attorney to move forward with drawing up a contract to purchase 4th St W from Kirk Morgan.

Motion Jacob/Anderson to give a 3% post probationary wage increase to Ken Kitelinger and a 3% merit wage increase to McKenzi Kossan and Kelly Jemtrud to take effect November 1st 2015 carried. Roll call votes Anderson-y, Keller-y, Jacob-y, Blotter-y, unanimous.

Motion Anderson/Keller to give a 2% cost of living wage increase to Mckenzi Kossan, Kelly Jemtrud, Ken Kitelinger, and Lisa Jacob; to increase the insurance cap from \$9,500 to \$13,000 per year; to increase the City Commission pay to \$200

per month and City Commission President pay to \$300 per month; to increase Bonnie Nesmith's pay to \$12 per hour; all to take effect January 1st 2016 carried. Roll call votes Anderson-y, Keller-y, Jacob-abstained, Blotter-y, unanimous. Motion Anderson/Keller to give the Building Committee and City Staff a \$100 December Stipend carried. Roll call votes Anderson-y, Keller-y, Jacob-abstained, Blotter-y, unanimous. The Welo Building has gone back to the County for back taxes. They have agreed to take it off the sale list while the City and VCDC works on getting it condemned to be torn down.

FYI

80% Federal and 20% State funding will be used to refurbish the park bridge. The City will be requesting the temporary road used while this is being accomplished become a permanent secondary road. There will be public meetings during the winter to further discuss the park bridge plans.

There will be a Tax Equalization Meeting 4/12/16 8:30 am Towner Court House.

City Hall will be closed Wednesday Nov 11th for Veterans Day.

A plastics bin will be added to the current recycle bin the next time it needs to be emptied.

The alleys from behind the Mint to behind Cederstrom's shop were discussed. Research will be done to find out how much it would cost to repair them with recycled asphalt

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Anderson/Keller to adjourn 9:40pm carried. Voice call votes yes, unanimous.

Commission President
Scott Blotter

Deputy Auditor
Lisa Jacob