

**VELVA CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 27TH, 2014 7:00 PM**

Velva City Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commission Vice President Scott Blotter. Pledge recited. Commissioners present; Blotter, Anderson, Larson (absent due to family medical issue, Shattuck)

Others in attendance; Anita Trana, Dale Although, Cindy Althoff, Greg Haga, Keith Cederstrom, Ben Dahl, Cindy Kittelson, Carol Bickler, Alan Walter, Jim Wilson, Ivan Canevello, Kelly Jemtrud, Lisa Jacob, McKenzi Kossan.

Motion Anderson/ Larson to approve the May 12th, 2014 regular Commission mtg minutes carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

Motion Larson/Anderson to approve the May 27th, 2014 agenda with the following additions; Gaming permits, Susan Komen, old business, Rural Fire Truck Loan repayment agreement, police, Campers & Dale Altoff from old business to guests carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

GUESTS

Ben Dahl, CP Rail Police approached the Commission regarding improving safety at the rail road crossing behind the Lariat. City Office contacted Cheri Bonebreak as directed. As a result signs were placed for public safety & prevent trespassing. Suggestion made by Special Agent Dahl to increase the integrity of the current fencing that is in place.

Dale Althoff approached the Commission regarding permission to fill in wetland. Representing the county water board, Greg Haga stated, in his opinion, this area is not considered a wetland.

Dale Althoff to meet with City Engineer Alan Walter, Public Works Director Kelly Jemtrud & Commissioner Anderson to discuss this issue & compose plan to accommodate. Cleaning of culverts will be discussed under old business at the June 9th, 2014 Commission mtg.

POLICE

Commissioner Anderson has contacted, Sheriff Sola, Deputy Sheriff, Trey Skager & County Police Commissioner Harry Bergstad regarding City Policing issues. McHenry Co Municipal Judge & Prosecuting Attorney to be discussed at the June 9th, 2014 Commission mtg.

Commissioner Anderson approached the Commission regarding Camper parking, City Staff to prepare a letter for Commissioner Anderson to review before sending to those in violation of this ordinance.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING

Kelly's Report

Discussion held regarding street repairs. Kelly is satisfied with the work that was completed.

Dehumidifier at the water treatment plant down. Kelly has purchased smaller dehumidifiers to remedy situation until large dehumidifier is fixed.

Alan's Report

Discussion held regarding street repair costs. The City has stayed below \$100,000.00 on this street repair project.

BILLS & FINANCIAL

Motion Larson/Anderson to approve the bills carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

1st District Health Unit \$40.00, Carol Bickler \$1306.85, Caroline Schmaltz \$25.00, Gaffney's \$85.82, Kevin Kittleson \$66.28, Larsco \$84.56, Main Electric Construction Inc \$735.30, Municipal Government Academy \$755.00, ND Sewer Pump & Lift Station \$750.00, Pam Jemtrud \$300.00, SRT \$330.29, Swanston Equipment \$256.25, TC Specialties \$96.50, UNUM Life Ins Co \$35.67, Wal-Mart \$223.26

Motion Larson /Anderson to approve Pledge of Securities from Peoples State Bank carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

Keith Cederstrom approached the Commission regarding dirt removal from the right of way located at the Ceder Lodge. If any further contact from the DOT is received the City will be in contact with Mr. Cederstrom.

Mid Continent fiber optic cable placement will remain under old business. Research request from the May 12th, 2014 meeting showed the City of Stanley charged Mid Continent a \$10.00 fee to place the fiber optic lines. Mid Continent was not the local provider and the City Attorney acquired the necessary easements to complete the project.

NEW BUSINESS

Carol Bickler approached the Commission in regard to updating the City Cemetery information in Black Mountain Software. Issues will be discussed under old business at a later Commission mtg.

Motion Anderson/Larson to donate \$1000.00 to the Velva Association of Commerce for the City Share of 4th of July Fireworks carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

GAMING PERMITS

Motion Anderson/Larson to approve the Velva Legion gaming permits as well the Susan G. Komen gaming permit carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

OTHER ISSUES

ND Sewage & Pump Service Contract cost increase noted by Commissioners.

Motion Larson/Anderson to have the City Staff communicate by all available means, that those who are in need of assistance, or are willing to provide assistance during the city wide cleanup week contact City Hall carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

Public Works & the City Office have decided the City Wide Clean Up will be June 16-22. The Tree Dump hours will be extended 1 hour on the 17th & 19th and will be open the afternoon of the 22nd. The City Office will be putting out fliers later this week with more details.

Kelly to find bids on contractor to repair alley's & will bring bids to Commissioner Blotter

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Anderson/Larson to adjourn 8:41 pm carried. Roll call vote yes, unanimous

**Commission Vice President
Scott Blotter**

**Deputy Auditor
McKenzi Kossan**