

**VELVA CITY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2013 7:00 pm**

Velva City Commission Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Commission Acting President Scott Blotter, Pledge recited. Motion Anderson/Johnson to approve minutes from June 24, 2013 carried. Roll Call Vote Yes; Blotter, Anderson, Johnson

Motion Anderson/Johnson to approve July 8, 2013 agenda carried. Roll Call Vote Yes; Blotter, Anderson, Johnson Commissioners present; James Anderson, Scott Blotter, Darren Johnson, Absent; JD Larson ; Others in attendance, Robin Sauter, Wendell Sauter, James Craig, Mike Lund, Karl Hawes, Vianna Haws, Cory Sang, Cindy Shattuck, Alan Walter, Kelly Jemtrud, Ivan Canevello, Carol Bickler, Mckenzi Kossan

GUESTS:

Wendell & Robin Sauter & Dan Craig approached Commission regarding Closure of Alley behind Craig Monuments. Wendell Sauter submitted notarized petition signed by the abutting property owners, with the exception of the Oster's. Motion Johnson/ Anderson to obtain a bid from Walt Racine Tree service to remove trees from alley behind Craig Monuments carried. Roll call vote yes, Blotter, Anderson, Johnson
Alley closure will be addressed under old business at the July 22, 2013 Commission Meeting

POLICE:

June Police Report reviewed

PUBLIC WORKS / ENGINEERING

Kelly's Report

Kelly will look into pricing on pumps for water treatment plant.
City Staff to communicate with other towns regarding water treatment insurance coverage
Rented pump at Wildwood will remain for one more week & will run if needed.

Alan's Report

Motion Anderson/Johnson to hold special meeting to be held August 1st, 2013 to consider authorization for bids on the lagoon, carried. Roll Call Vote Yes; Blotter, Anderson, Johnson
Information regarding Diesel spill on Prospect Ave is still not available
Alan working with county regarding GIS map.
Still waiting on Corps of Engineers for SWIF & Levee information
River levels discussed.

BILLS & FINANCIALS

Commission reviewed & decided against proceeding with Souris Basin Planning Council donation.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission reviewed Magic fund Grant for the Strategic Plan. City was awarded \$14,500. Alan Walter will continue working on 2nd Grant from Agri Bank.
Curt Feist –City to possibly purchase land, will be discussed at July 22 2013 Commission meeting.
Star City Golf Course land sublease will be discussed at July 22, 2013 Commission meeting.
Bob Gackle –Kelly is still working on this & will be discussed at July 22, 2013 Commission meeting
Water treatment plant (Insurance Issues) will be discussed at July 22, 2013 Commission meeting
AC for City Hall- Kelly will bring quotes back to July 22, 2013 Commission Meeting.
DOT Letter to be drafted by City Staff & brought to 07/22/13 Commission Meeting.
Motion Anderson/ Johnson to have James do a separate letter to the DOT requesting the speed limit be lowered from 25 to 20 MPH from underpass four blocks north carried. Roll call vote yes, Blotter, Anderson, Johnson

BUILDING PERMITS

Karl Haws & Vianna Haws with Contractor Cory Sang approached Commission regarding construction of parking pad. This permit will be discussed at the July 22, 2013 Planning & City Commission Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Hotel Barry utility bill paid in full 07/08/2013.
Sprinkler system was discussed & closure of Hotel Barry reviewed.
Ivan discussed closing Hotel Barry with City Commission.
Velva City Commission decided to drop issue until a city attorney is hired.
Motion Anderson/Johnson to request proof of insurance on the Hotel Barry from owner Nelson Whiting via Certified Mail carried. Roll call vote yes; Blotter, Anderson, Johnson
Scott will contact Jim Wilson to discuss Hotel Barry issues.

Ivan & Mike Lund to plan a walk through on the Hotel Barry

OTHER ISSUES

FYI- Request from Glenn & Theresa Street reviewed.

Souris Basin Planning Council representative request letter discussed.

Motion Anderson/Johnson to have Commission President Scott Blotter serve on the Souris Basin Planning Council until new President is elected carried. Roll call vote yes, Blotter, Anderson, Johnson

Thelma Palmberg lawn clean up discussed.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Jim Wilson – Lawyer with the City of Garrison will possibly attend July 22, 2013 Commission Meeting

Stray Dog/Cat Policy- will have information in insurance liability July 22, 2013 Commission Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Anderson/Johnson to adjourn meeting 8:54pm carried. Roll call vote yes; Blotter, Anderson, Johnson

President Velva City Commission
Scott Blotter

Deputy Auditor
McKenzi Kossan