

**VELVA CITY COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION, OCT 13TH, 2014 7:00PM**

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

Others in attendance; Roger Sundsbak, Jim Wilson, Ivan Canevello, McKenzi Kossan, Lisa Jacob.

Motion A/P to approve the Sept 22nd, 2014 Regular Session minutes carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

Motion B/P to approve the Oct 13th, 2014 agenda carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

BUILDING PERMITS

Motion A/B to approve McHenry Co-Krumwiede Development Zoning permit carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING

Kelly's Report

Street Sweeper Demo at City Shop 8:30 am Oct 16th.

BILLS & FINANCIALS

Motion A/B to approve the bills carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous. Ackerman-Estvold \$9,172.95; Acme Tools \$1,145.15; BHG \$209.64; Circle Sanitation \$5,671.01; Dakota Supply Group \$162.09; Gaffney's \$409.89; Hawkins Inc \$3,138.89; Home of Economy \$55.15; Ivan Canevello \$303.99; James Anderson \$52.80; Jeremy L. Jemtrud \$300.00; Kevin's Plumbing & Heating \$74.00; Lisa Jacob \$52.80; Lowe's Printing Inc \$48.38; McHenry Co Auditor \$20,325.00; Menards \$82.57; Mouse River Oil Co Inc \$615.73; Municipal Government Academy \$60.00; One Call Concepts \$13.20; Ottetail Power \$3,693.39; Pam Jemtrud \$300.00; SRT \$1,384.29; Starion Bond Services \$6,671.36; TC Specialties \$81.50; Velva Fresh Foods \$42.68; Verendrye Electric Coop Inc \$1,333.34; Wal-Mart Community/GEMB \$15.97; Wilson Law Firm \$2,108.49.

NEW BUSINESS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-208 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF VELVA, NORTH DAKOTA RELATING TO MANURE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF VELVA, MCHENRY COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 8-208. Scattering and Leaving Dead Animals and Manure Prohibited and Declared a Nuisance: Exception.

(1) It shall be unlawful and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person to do any of the following acts within the city:

(a) To cause or permit refuse to be scattered, thrown, blown, placed or accumulated over or about any premises owned, managed or controlled by him, or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, sewer or other public place, or into any occupied premises.

(b) To allow refuse to remain upon any public place adjacent to the premises owned by him.

(c) To leave or maintain any dead animal or manure within the city or within one mile (1) mile of the city.

(d) To leave or maintain any manure within the city or within one (1) mile of the city, excepting property zoned agriculture or pasturelands.

(e) To sweep dust, dirt, refuse or debris from any sidewalk onto any street. (2) This section shall not apply to refuse which is placed in containers, as provided by this chapter or when approval is secured from the director of public works.

Motion B/P to approve the change to the manure ordinance as read carried, B-y, P-y, A-y, B-y, K-not present.

Motion P/B to allow Scott Blotter to pursue an agreement from Curt Fiest for the purchase of the property consisting of the Westside Levee & to bring said agreement to the Commission for approval carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

Motion B/A to accept the sealed bid from Roger Sundsbak for \$200.00 per year for two years carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

Due to unknown reasons the August water meter reading did not upload properly. The only way Black Mountain could fix the issue was to change the rates so that when September's readings were uploaded, people would be paying for water usage from both August & September. Normally a household pays \$11 for the first 1000 gallons and then charged \$4 for every 1000 gallons after that. Black Mountain changed the rate (only for this reading) so

that people would be charged \$22 for the first 2000 gallons (\$11 for the first 1000 gallons for each month). This will make the bill look unusually high, but no one is paying for anything they did not use, because the base charge of \$11.00 is for water being hooked up to the house and includes up to 1,000 gallons of water whether it is used or not. Any money paid for the August bill was for the base rates only, not the usage. The September billing has brought all households up to date by the current metered usage readings for the amounts over the 2,000 gallons included in the base rate for August and September.

Motion B/A to waive the late fee for the September bill only, any prior or future late fees will stand, carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

Motion A/B to approve the Emergency Disaster Manual carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

FYI

Appliances such as washers, driers, stoves, refrigerators with doors off, are allowed in the appliance dump. TVs, monitors, toilets, and such are not allowed. There is a \$5 dump fee for residents outside the city limits and it against policy to allow people to remove appliances from the site.

County Home Rule has been dropped by the County.

Final Budget for 2015 was approved Oct 3rd 2014.

City Hall business hours are 9am-5pm Mon-Fri, closed on Holidays. It is not appropriate to visit City Staff on their off hours for non-emergent reasons. Elected officials may be contacted.

Motion B/A the two resolutions made to County Commission be made published in the paper that the County chose not to mill for the Souris River Joint Board and chose not to act on the police mill carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion A/B to adjourn 8:29 pm carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

**Commission President
Scott Blotter**

**Deputy Auditor
Lisa Jacob**