

**VELVA CITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR SESSION, OCT 27<sup>TH</sup>, 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, Keller, Price via Skype.

Others in attendance; Chuck Keller, Laurence Anderson, Brent Fischer Jim Wilson, Ivan Canevello, McKenzi Kossan, Lisa Jacob.

Motion Keller/Anderson to approve the, Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular Session minutes carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

Motion Keller/Anderson to approve the Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 agenda carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

**GUEST**

Laurence Anderson approached the commission requesting a portion of the utility bill on 109 2<sup>ND</sup> St E. After discussion it was decided that further research would be made into this subject and would be revisited in the future.

Chuck Keller approached the commission with questions about separating out the Park, City & Fire Dept insurances. After Chuck explained how things need to be divvied up the commission decided to examine the list of insured properties closely and contact Chuck by the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan with any & all changes.

Brent Fischer approached the commission on the issue of snow removal on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave W this winter. The commission informed Mr. Fischer that negotiations on this street are still ongoing.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Ivan has written two letters to Joshua Erdman on getting a building permit for the work he has begun.

Motion Price/Balas to task the Building Inspector and City Attorney to come up with a proposal on how to handle situations where individuals do not complete building permits. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

Ivan has had reports of kids going into the Welo Building; as a result he screwed the door shut & placed a sign stating it has been declared a Dangerous Building.

**PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING**

**Kelly's Report**

Kelly reported that more street patching was accomplished this last week and we should be ready for the Seal Coat this spring.

**BILLS & FINANCIALS**

Motion Anderson/Balas to approve the bills carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous. Ackerman-Estvold \$3,667.50, Cardmember Service-Visa \$594.95, Circle Sanitation \$5,666.86, Gaffney's \$247.96, Job Service of ND \$72.71, Keller Paving Inc. \$30,286.00, Menards \$249.00, SRT \$2,120.77, TC Specialties \$81.50.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion Anderson/Keller to change Sec 9-102 in the Billing Procedure from a late charge of 1½% of the bill to \$5.

Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

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 Balas/P to approve the change to the manure ordinance as read carried, Balas-y, Price-y, Anderson-y, Blotter-y, Keller-y

**FYI**

A workshop for the AmeriCorps Grant will be held on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> in the Minot Job Service office building from 9:30 am to noon.

The 2% Velva Sales Tax will go into effect January 1, 2015.

OtterTail Power Co will be conducting system tests Tuesday morning, Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 am-8am, Thursday evening, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8:30pm, with an alternate date of Thursday morning, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30am-8am if the temperature is 50 degrees or above on one of the other dates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Anderson/Keller to adjourn 9:26 pm carried. Roll call votes yes, unanimous.

**Commission President  
Scott Blotter**

**Deputy Auditor  
Lisa Jacob**