

City of Colfax
01/18/2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order Mayor Scott Gauslow at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Neil Berseth, Jeff Olson, and City Auditor Susan Bowman; Council Member Tom Wulfkehule arrived later; Jody Lingen absent. Kent Thorenson, Interstate Engineering was also in attendance.

Kent Thorenson, Interstate Engineering, was recognized. He reported that there will need to be 3 – 4 boring tests completed at the lagoon site for Geotechnical evaluation. After that he will bring updated layouts and estimates to the next meeting. Mayor Gauslow asked that he and the boring companies contact him first prior to just showing up and doing the tests so adjacent landowners can be notified. Kent also asked about the status of the ditch cleanout on the west side of the City; this is on hold until Spring and the City is awaiting quote from JAV.

The minutes from the December 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve the minutes as presented; motion carried.

The financial report for the month of December was reviewed; Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve the report; motion carried. The 2015 Year End Financial report was reviewed; Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the report; motion carried.

The bills for the month of January were reviewed. Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve the bills as presented; motion carried.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts –Accounts were reviewed. Mayor Gauslow will contact Grant Loff; also spoke with Dennis Bucholtz concerning rental house, he is forwarding a check for the past due bill. Tom Wulfekuhle has not contacted Erdahl's concerning hook-up fee; waited until after holidays so will take care of it this month.

Tom Wulfekuhle will research other City Sign options as we would have to do the installation/brick work ourselves and it may be better to get a smaller sized sign. The letter for the website introduction to the residents was reviewed; Mayor will talk with Shirley at the Elevator concerning maintaining the calendar online for the community center. After verification of what to include the letter will be sent out or emailed to residents.

Mayor Gauslow introduced himself to the School Superintendent and discussed the status of the road construction by the school.

The petition to vacate 1st Avenue was completed and the appropriate meeting notices are being published in the paper for approval at the February City Council meeting.

Mayor Gauslow spoke with Darrel Brent, Cass County Electric concerning adding the street light on the North side between Erdahl & Moch, and one by the lift station.

New Business:

Mayor Gauslow recommended that the City continue to use Bank of the West as it depositories; Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve; motion carried.

Tom Wulfekuhle has taken over as President of the Community Center. There will be a chili/soup feed on March 6 to raise funds to replace the furnace.

There being no further business, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.