

City of Colfax
03/21/2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gauslow at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Tom Wulfekuhle, Neil Berseth, Jeff Olson, and City Auditor Susan Bowman; Jody Lingen absent. Kent Thorenson, Interstate Engineering; Jim & Andrew Viele, JAV Construction; Keith Hage; Nathan Berseth, Aurora Group; and resident , Jen Erdahl were also in attendance.

Kent Thorenson, Interstate Engineering, was recognized. He reported on additional information concerning financing for the lagoon expansion. Nathan Berseth, Aurora Group also discussed wanting to expand to the North if the City will finance the 51 lots. After discussion, Kent Thorenson will submit preliminary documentation to the Bank of North Dakota for pre-approval of a loan. No further action until boring sampling is completed. Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to proceed with the boring at the lagoon site and add boring on Broadway St S where the road is boiling up in the Spring; motion approved.

Jim & Andrew Viele, JAV Construction were recognized. They provided a quote for the ditch clean out work on County 1; Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to award the work to JAV Construction. Further discussion was had with JAV concerning the Broadway St work. They gave a ball-park estimate and further information will be gathered after the boring samples are taken.

Keith Hage was recognized. He presented information for obtaining a permit for the industrial building to be going up on the land purchased South of Ista shop on County Road 4. He is looking into a mound system for septic and will be hooking up to rural water. He will contact Richland County concerning installing an approach. Also, CFE will be renting a portion of the building for office space while their expansion is being completed. After discussion, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve the permit; motion carried. City Auditor will get signed copy of permit to Keith.

Jen Erdahl was recognized. They want to move the flushing hydrant. After discussion, Kent Thorenson will reassess the area as Viking Homes moved the curb stop and hydrant without permission. It will be looked at to see where it should have been placed and decision on location will be completed and any approvals needed from DOH looked at. Erdahl's also will be working on having their propane tank moved. They will coordinate with neighbor on location of the tank.

The minutes from the February 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the minutes as presented; motion carried.

The financial report for the month of February was reviewed; Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the report; motion carried.

The bills for the month of March were reviewed. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve the bills as presented; motion carried.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts –Past due accounts and water usage was reviewed. Buchholz rental house meter has not been dropped off so no repair invoice yet.

Tom Wulfekuhle still researching new signs for the City.

Road Committee- Scott Gauslow is working with the township for blading the City roads this year. Also quotes for gravel from TJM @ \$15/yard; Skovald \$14/yd – the same as last year.

Mayor Gauslow spoke with Ryan Zink and they are still planning on removing the old generator.

City elections coming up and open positions discussed. Posting will be made for positions.

Mayor Gauslow spoke with Mike Moen concerning the vector control sprayer; the City can use it this summer.

New Business:

Richland County Tax Assessment meeting is set for Monday, April 25th 7 PM so council meeting will get moved as well. Postings will be completed for the change.

Tom Wulfekuhle reported that the Stop Sign by Michael Ray's home was broke by a truck from the elevator; it will get repaired when the weather is good.

Signs for mowing bids will be posted for next meeting.

City Auditor will work on Spring Letter to residents.

There being no further business, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.