

City of Colfax  
07/17/2017 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Scott Gauslow at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Tom Wulfekuhle, Jeff Olson, Neil Berseth, Jody Lingen (arrived at 7:30PM) and City Auditor Susan Bowman. Also in attendance was Kent Thoreson, Interstate Engineering; Amy Clark, Smith & Strege; Nathan Berseth; City Residents Bonita Gylland, Inis Kaye Frankl, Byron and Julie Heyen, Jess Gauslow, Kim Bantz, Sue Stubson, and Keefe Phelps.

Mayor Gauslow recognized Bonita Gylland; she expressed concerns with their sump pump running all the time or at least more than normal. It ran most of the winter so was asking if there are any leaks in the area that might be causing the water to go into their house. Inis Frankl said their problem resolved once the leak by the Church was repaired. Mayor Gauslow will have Chad Lingen look at the issue and noted that there is a wet spot near Dick Horner's house.

Mayor Gauslow recognized Kent Thoreson who gave updates on the lagoon expansion. Progressive Estimate #2 was presented for approval. After discussion Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve submittal of estimate #2 for \$76,590. Roll Call vote: Neil Berseth – yes, Tom Wulfekuhle – yes, Jeff Olson – yes, Jody Lingen – absent. Motion carried.

Mayor Gauslow reported that he met with Dallas & Myron concerning the drain tiling by the lagoon and the repairs that will need to be done.

Colfax Meadows III plat was reviewed and submitted for approval. After review Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to accept the plat of Colfax Meadows III; motion carried.

Mayor Gauslow recognized Julie Heyen who, along with Sue Stubson and Kim Bantz, expressed continuous concern with the amount of stuff stored at the Phelps residence. It appears to be a perpetual problem and not getting cleared up permanently. There are also issues with numerous cats running loose, a pontoon was brought in, tires and barrels are collecting water and thus mosquitos, and the barrels are starting to pop when it get hot out. Another concern was that fireworks were being shot off on July 3<sup>rd</sup> over others houses and near propane tank. Keefe Phelps acknowledged some of the issues and gave information about the animals. The City said the animals must all be vaccinated or they will need to be eradicated. The residents were also informed that they have the right to call the County about any animal control. Keefe Phelps informed everyone that he has acquired land in Wyndmere to move everything too and has plans to move 80% of it over this weekend. The City Council gave Keefe Phelps until July 31 to have everything corrected or legal action will be started. Additional discussion about City Ordinances in general including garbage cans, fencing, etc. were discussed. Jody Lingen restated the City's position that Keefe Phelps has until July 31<sup>st</sup> to get everything corrected. City Attorney, Amy Clark informed everyone about the Nuisance ordinances.

Amy Clark was recognized. She presented information on the Special Assessments for the Lagoon expansion. The assessment letter was reviewed and signed by John Lee to be published. The committee next meeting is August 7, 7 PM at the Community Center for residents to bring questions, concerns and disputes.

Amy Clark presented information on the Wold Field property being transferred to the City. The Blocks and lots are still there; streets have been vacated previously. It will need to be either re-platted or resurveyed to get an abstract done. After discussion, Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the cost of having Smith & Strege create the abstract. Roll call vote: Neil Berseth – yes, Tom Wulfekuhle – yes, Jody Lingen – yes, Jeff Olson – yes; motion carried.

Discussion concerning the dust control completed on Grant Street was brought up; Kent Thoreson will get an estimate together for possible paving of Grant Street and the total square footage of the lots on Grant Street for further consideration.

The minutes from the June City Council meeting were reviewed. Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve as presented; motion carried.

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

The bills for the month of July were reviewed. EMC Insurance monthly payment and Harry Clark bills were added; CFE Vector control was removed. Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the bills with the noted changes; motion carried.

#### Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts – Nothing to note.

The pole came in for the new siren; Cass County Electric will install.

The cost for renting the dumpsters for the pool house remodel was reasonable so City will look to schedule renting some for fall clean-up.

Mayor Gauslow and Tom Wulfekuhle will inspect Keefe Phelps on July 26<sup>th</sup> to ensure progress is being made.

#### New Business:

Mayor Gauslow reported that the City has received \$1,500 grant for mosquito control. Bills will be collected and submitted for reimbursement. Costs must be expended 7/5 – 7/31 and submitted by 8/31.

Mayor Gauslow submitted a permit for his personal residence basement remodel. After discussion Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the permit; motion carried.

Dick Horner submitted a permit for moving the existing house; demolition of outbuildings so lot can be levelled and a new house build. Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the permit; motion carried.

There being no further business, Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.