

City of Colfax
07/18/2016 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, Jody Lingen and City Auditor Susan Bowman. Also in attendance were Kent Thorenson, Interstate Engineering; Residents Heather & Brian Bernotas; Nathan Berseth, Aurora Group.

Heather & Brian Bernotas were recognized. The questioned the requirements of shingles and horizontal siding for their outbuilding that was permitted for in April 2015. After discussion on what was previously approved, including the variance for a sidewall of 10', it was determined that they would need to obtain their neighbors approval for a variance to install steel panel roofing in lieu of shingles and they would install horizontal siding. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the permit if they obtained the proper signature approvals from the affected neighbors; motion carried. It was also noted that the permit fee had not been shown as being paid; auditor will contact Heather with verification of payment.

Kent Thorenson, Interstate Engineering was recognized. He presented the plans and specs for the lagoon improvement/expansion. We are still waiting for the "wetland delineation: report. After discussion, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion to approve the plans and specs as presented, seconded by Neil Berseth; motion carried. Tom Wulfekuhle then made a motion to have Interstate Engineering open up the advertisement to bid with the bid opening to be August 18th at 4 PM at the Community Center, Jody Lingen seconded; motion carried. It was noted that the bid does not hold the City liable for doing the project, however, is needed to get a firm cost number before any further action will be taken.

Neil Berseth made a motion to move the regular City Council meeting in August to August 22nd, after the bid letting on the 18th, Jody Lingen seconded; motion carried. City Auditor will post and advertise in the paper as required.

Nathan Berseth was recognized. He reported that the Bank of North Dakota has approved his loan application for 1%% over 30 years up to \$1,000,000. He also reported that the City should forward the JAV invoice for the ditch clean out to Harris Baily for payment of the County portion of the project.

The minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting were reviewed. One change was noted on the amount the Elevator was paying for the Dust Control. Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the minutes with the noted change; motion carried.

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

The bills for the month of June were reviewed. Jody Lingen 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. It was noted that Reiland house has not turned in hook-up fee or completed agreement; Jody will contact.

Dust control was completed. No committee reports were presented; however, it was noted the council would start asking residents to be on the lagoon expansion assessment committee.

Tom Wulfekuhle reported signs will be picked up on Wednesday; will be installed when able.

County 1 ditch clean-out and culvert repairs completed. Broadway St. S. repair work will be tabled.

New Business:

Ben & Brianne Watkins submitted a permit for the building of their new home. After review, Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the permit; motion carried. Auditor will forward copy and request permit fee payment.

Area resident's properties and disallowed items being stored will be addressed by the Mayor.

Tim Hudson was contacted to gravel Ragan Street; will also address the corner of Grant & Andy Avenue gravel requirement.

Spring Cleanup was discussed; auditor will contact TG Sanitation to see if we can do a fall cleanup and what they will accept.

The siren is on hold until an environmental impact study is completed.

It was noted that the lease for the ball fields was with the City; Mayor will contact Park Board and coordinate updates.

The status of the dirt piles were discussed; no action required.

Reiland's will need a culvert for their property; City provides 30' so Mayor will coordinate.

There being no further business, Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.