

City of Colfax  
08/22/2016 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 Thoreson, Interstate Engineering; Amy Clark, Smith & Strege; and Nathan Berseth, Aurora Group.

Kent Thoreson, Interstate Engineering was recognized. He presented the bid results for the Wastewater Treatment Expansion. They are getting the life expectancy numbers between using a clay liner versus a synthetic liner. Also, the State has not final approved the plans and specs. There will be an addition to the project for requirement to use stainless steel for the chains if using the synthetic liner. The total cost estimate is now approximately \$555,000. It was recommended that an information meeting be held for the residents. After discussion, it was decided that the information meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. After the information meeting, the council will hold a special meeting to decide whether to proceed with the project. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion to hold the special meeting on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Community Center; seconded by Jody Lingen, motion carried. Notifications will be sent out to residents via email, posted at the public buildings, and posted on the City website for the information meeting. The special meeting notices will be published in the paper.

Amy Clark, Smith & Strege, was recognized. She reviewed the three options available for paying for the lagoon project. First would be straight specials; second would be a revenue options where there are requirements to have 120% of the debt service in a debt fund, and third would be a hybrid option which would include both specials and revenue options. If any special assessment will be done, a 3 person committee would need to be organized. Mayor Gauslow is seeking out residents to serve on the committee which will be presented at the September 19 City Council meeting for council approval.

Amy Clark, Smith & Strege asked about the property lines and property purchase/swap for the land required for the lagoon expansion. Kent Thoreson will forward a copy of the property lines from the survey. A meeting will be set with the owners, renters, attorney, and Mayor to complete the transaction. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion to authorize Mayor Gauslow to conclude the transaction on behalf of the City, seconded by Jody Lingen; motion carried.

Nathan Berseth was recognized. He reported that he has contacted JAV for a breakdown of the ditching project so that the County can pay their portion plus the 25% reimbursement to the City. He also reported that C2Renew had changed their minds and will not be moving to the Colfax site being built by Keith Hage. If anyone knows of a business looking for a building please let Keith know.

The minutes from the July 18, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve as presented; motion carried.

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

The bills for the month of August were reviewed. Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the bills as presented; motion carried.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts –Past due accounts and water usage was reviewed. Reiland house is now connected.

City Signs are installed; they look nice and appreciation by residents was reported.

Mayor Gauslow will contact Harris Baily, Richland County concerning mill levy's, how much they can be increased annually, and how to increase for more than the allowed amount.

Gene Johnson property has been cleaned up of the tires.

Corner lots by Andy Ave & Blaine St and Andy Ave & Grant St have been graveled by Mayor Gauslow.

The City was asked by the ND Health Department about any abandoned landfills.

Brian & Heather Bernatos have not submitted the signatures required for the variance on their outbuilding; they are working on it and contacted Jody Lingen to get correct wording.

New Business:

Information from TG Sanitation for doing a City fall cleanup was discussed; Auditor will contact them and see what the cost of curbside cleanup will cost instead of using dumpsters.

There being no further business, Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.