

City of Colfax
09/19/2016 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, Jody Lingen and City Auditor Susan Bowman; Neil Berseth absent. Also in attendance was Amy Clark, Smith & Strege.

Amy Clark, Smith & Strege, was recognized. She reviewed the lagoon status with the City. Mayor Gauslow has appointed the following residents to be on the 3-person special assessment committee: Byron Heyen, Jason Frankl, and John Lee. Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to accept the 2016 Wastewater Treatment Improvements Special Assessments Commission committee; motion carried. Property acquisition continues to progress; current owner would like mowing and maintenance of the property to be in writing as part of the transaction. It was noted that the Colfax City resident information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and that a Special City Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26th 7PM for voting on the Wastewater Treatment Improvement project.

The minutes from the August 22, 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 August was reviewed; Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the report; motion carried.

The bills for the month of September were reviewed. A bill for ND One Call was added. Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the bills as presented with the one addition; motion carried.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts –Past due accounts and water usage was reviewed.

The 2017 budget was reviewed and discussed. Resolution 2016-03 to increase the water utility by \$2.00 base rate and \$1/1,000 gallons addition; City Water Manager salary increased to \$1,000 annually; City Auditor salary increased to \$8,000 annually was presented. Jody Lingen made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-03, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle; motion carried. After further discussion and review Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the 2017 budget with the above changes; motion carried.

Mayor Gauslow reported that Keith Hage wants to put in concrete for the storage facility. A permit was submitted for the storage units; Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the permit for the storage units; motion carried.

Mayor Gauslow reported that the Hage main commercial building is still going to proceed even though C2Renew backed out. After discussion, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion to rescind the tax abatement that was approved previously for this property; seconded by Jody Lingen; motion carried. It was reported that it would be up to Keith Hage as owner to pursue any other tax abatements or incentives.

Mayor Gauslow reported that the Bernotas permit variance letter from surrounding properties has not been turned in.

City Auditor reported that the City had received the check from Richland County for their share of the ditch clean out project.

Mayor Gauslow reported that the Watkin's have decided they will not use the culvert that they initially requested so it will be returned; restocking fee will be up to them to pay.

The City will do a fall cleanup; City Auditor will coordinate. Tickets will be sold that will need to be placed on the items to be picked up.

There being no further business, Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.