

City of Colfax
09/21/2015 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Moen at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Scott Gaulsow, Tom Wulfekuhle, Jody Lingen, and City Auditor Susan Bowman; Neil Berseth absent. Also in attendance were: Jim Vielle, JAV Construction and City Residents Sarah Myers, Tracy Fixen, Tyler Gylland

Sarah Myers was recognized. She reported on the Education Committee progress. She reported on and asked questions concerning child care in town, website linking to the school, lagoon expansion, adult education in cooperation with Crooked Lane Farm, and City signage status. Sarah also thanked the council for its efforts working with the School concerning the road by the school.

Jim Vielle was recognized. He discussed the ditching project on County Road 1 and will provide a quote. The County has committed to pay 25% of the project and the railroad would be responsible for the replacement of the culvert under the railroad, city would be responsible for balance. Additional conversations will be had with the County and the Water Board. Dirt removed could be moved to the property owned by Tyler Gylland. Tyler would like to build an approach to his property but needs to wait until the ditch cleaning is completed.

Tracy Fixen was recognized. She reported on the City website status. Tracy met with Jody Lingen and Susan Bowman coordinating the website and city documents to be available on the site. The site is active and Jody Lingen sent a proposed letter to be sent to the city residents to the council for review. Pictures for the website would be appreciated.

The minutes from the August 17 meeting were reviewed. Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the minutes as presented; motion carried.

The financial report for August was reviewed. Scott Gauslow made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the report; motion carried.

The bills for the month of September were reviewed. JAV construction invoice was added to the City bills. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the bills as presented with the above addition.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts –Matthew Mitskog and Grant Loff will be contacted concerning past due amounts. Meters need to be replaced for Rays, Football field, and Mitskog.

Generator has been received and needs to be installed. Dave Bernstein is to do the concrete; was expected to be done two weeks ago. He said it would be done this week. Also, Keith Hage will do the electrical hookup once the generator is in place.

Stop signs have been installed by the school; however, two signs still need to be installed. Signs will be stored until final road location is determined.

City attorneys forwarded information on the petition to vacate 1st Avenue. The petition will need the signatures of all property owners; Mayor Moen will contact owners.

New Business:

2016 Final budget was submitted for review and approval. After discussion, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the 2016 Budget.

Steve Moen reported that the MN DNR is open for comments concerning the diversion. Future meetings were reported.

Interstate Engineering has completed the DWSRF forms for keeping the City on the list for improving the water system. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the application being submitted. Mayor Moen to sign.

Keefer Phelps property was discussed. Complaints concerning vehicles and other recreational vehicles being stored on the south side of the property was brought up. City will address with them again.

Scott Gauslow reported that the State audit for ADA compliance of our voting location was completed earlier in the day. No issues noted.

Jody Lingen requested that the City spray for mosquitos prior to the Friday football game.

There being no further business, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Scott Gauslow to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.