

City of Colfax  
10-19/2015 Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order President Tom Wulfekuhle at 7:00 P.M. Present were Council Members Scott Gauslow, Neil Berseth, Jody Lingen, and City Auditor Susan Bowman. No other attendees.

The minutes from the September 21 meeting were reviewed. Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Scott Gauslow to approve the minutes as presented; motion carried.

The financial report for September was reviewed; Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Scott Gauslow to approve the report; motion carried.

The bills for the month of October were reviewed. Additional Harry Clark bill added for September mowing. Scott Gauslow made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the bills with the addition; motion carried.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts –Colfax Farmers Elevator meter is installed; Ray’s meter replaced; Football field, Mitskog, and Viking House need to be addressed.

Jody Lingen reported that she has a letter drafted to send to residents concerning the website which is active.

Generator concrete has been poured and generator set; Keith Hage will wire. Scott Gauslow reported that Ryan Zink had been in contact and he and Vern Ulven are interested in the old generator. They will give us the scrap value; Scott Gauslow will handle the bill of sale.

County Road 1 ditching and clean out by the Football field and Rostad property is tabled until winter; JAV Construction will get quote completed.

Scott Gauslow reported that he spoke with Dallas Loff for the Elevator and that 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Street vacating is in the hands of the owner and the Elevator.

New Business:

The open Mayor position resulting in Steve Moen’s passing away was discussed with the options available for filling the position. After discussion Jody Lingen made a motion that Scott Gauslow fill the position through the remainder of the term, which ends in 2016, seconded by Neil Berseth; roll call vote: Neil Berseth – yes, Jody Lingen – yes, Tom Wulfekuhle – yes, Scott Gauslow abstaining. Scott Gauslow appointed as Mayor. Council member position will be filled next month.

Neil Berseth reported that he spoke with Harry Clark on the mowing and that the elevator will need to make sure that the land on the west side of the railroad seeding grows and the property is put back to as it was prior to the fire.

Residence Schultz property has been spoken to concerning appearance and water bill.

Scott Gauslow will contact Red River Telephone concerning the emergency contact numbers for the pump house.

Justin Rieland has purchased a lot from Vance next to Lingen’s and will be building next Spring/Summer.

Tom Wulfekuhle reported that he spoke to Phelps and Mikkelson concerning properties. He received an email from Julie Heyen asking how long it would take to get things squared away. At this point, the City can only speak to them and allow time for them to clear items up. Auditor will contact attorneys to get clarification on next steps, however, it is

believed that only recourse is for the City to clean up the area and charge the resident. If it is unpaid, the City can only place a lien on the property – cannot collect through taxes.

City Auditor will contact bank to get names changed over to the new Mayor.

Scott Gauslow will speak with Mike Moen about the sprayer that the City had been utilizing to see if they want to sell it or if some other arrangement can be made for vector control next year.

Scott Gauslow has talked with Doug Loff and the property by the lagoon that he rents from Tom Frankl can be farmed. Nothing has been set concerning the lagoon expansion; it will be worked on this winter.

There being no further business, Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.