

City of Colfax  
11/21/2016 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, Neil Berseth and City Auditor Susan Bowman. Also in attendance was Kent Thorenson, Interstate Engineering and Justin Faris, Ryan Raguse, and Jason Johnson from I29 Motor Sports.

I29 Motor Sports was recognized. They presented information on starting up an off-road racing course on Cty Rd 1 north of Cty Rd 4 where a course has already been laid out and used privately. They were looking to inform the City and its residents of its goals and get general consensus of residents. They will be contacting the residents directly on what the business will entail; primarily the noise issue. If all goes as planned, the course would be functioning from May until October. Zoning changes would have to go through the township; City has jurisdiction for buildings only.

Kent Thorenson was recognized. He reported that both the State and the contractor have been informed that the award would be done after the end of the year. The City will need to store material and pay for it as soon as funding is available in January. The financing through Bank of ND will require the City to increase by \$5 per month per hook-up in order to establish a reserve prior to being able to take draws on the loan. After discussion Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2016-04 establishing a \$5 per month per hook-up lagoon fee; seconded by Jody Lingen. Roll call vote: Neil Berseth – yes, Jody Lingen – yes, Jeff Olson – yes, Tom Wulfekuhle – yes. Motion carried. The land contract has been established and Smith & Strege are drawing up all the necessary documents. Land purchase will be \$16,500; to be completed by Council meeting held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in March, 2017.

Kent Thorenson reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Wild Rice Development is in process; the City will need to get a developers agreement with Nathan Berseth. He will be in attendance at the December 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

The minutes from the October 17 meeting were reviewed. Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve as presented; motion carried.

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

The bills for the month of November were reviewed. Scott Gauslow presented a bill for reimbursement from True North Steel for the Reiland property culverts. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jody Lingen to approve the bills as presented with the above noted addition; motion carried.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts –Past due accounts and water usage was reviewed. No action required at this time.

Mayor Gauslow reported that the siren has been approved; FEMA Grant will cover the tornado sirens and the work will be done in the spring. The City will be responsible for the install and will coordinate with the Fire Department.

The Bernotas variance letter was received for the outbuilding permit.

Krump's are still working on their variance letter.

Attorney will draw up a letter to send to Keefer Phelps concerning storage on the property.

Mayor Gauslow reported that the road needs gravel by Watkins property and a new bill will be coming from True North reflecting the return of the culverts. Homeowner's will be responsible for the restocking fee.

City auditor confirmed that she has all of the safe deposit box keys that were issued; she will continue to maintain them.

New Business:

Mayor Gaulsow reported that John Myers has agreed to do snow removal for the City; and the elevator will allow use of its equipment.

There being no further business, Jody Lingen made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.