

City of Colfax
09/18/2017 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, Neil Berseth, and City Auditor Susan Bowman; Jody Lingen absent. Also in attendance was Kent Thoreson, Interstate Engineering; Amy Clark, Smith & Strege; and City residents Lonnie & Kim Bantz and Sue Stubson.

Mayor Gauslow recognized the city residents who reported that the Phelps property is being accumulated with stuff again. They are bringing in more items. Smith & Strege will send a letter to the owners after meeting with Tom Wulfekuhle and Scott Gauslow and personally inspecting the property.

Mayor Gauslow recognized Kent Thoreson. Kent presented a change order for the lagoon expansion extending the date of completion to be November 4th due to weather conditions. After discussion Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Jeff Olson to approve the contract change order; motion carried.

Kent reported that the annual SRF update has been completed and turned in. He is also working on getting the figures together for doing the water and sewer expansion along County Road #4 east of the City.

Mayor Gauslow recognized Amy Clark, Smith & Strege. Amy reported that the CD is in the works for the City from Berseths. The specials for the \$1.4M will be spread across the lots and it was verified that if the loan comes out to be larger, the CD will be increased appropriately. Upon discussion, Tom Wulfekuhl made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-25 Confirming Assessments and Directing Certification and Levy, seconded by Neil Berseth. The assessments will be approximately \$22,580 per lot contingent on final loan amount. Roll Call vote: Neil Berseth – yes, Jeff Olson, yes, Tom Wulfekuhle, yes; Jody Lingen absent.

Amy Clark presented Resolution 2017-26 Authorizing Issuance of \$1,875,000 Definitive Improvement Warrant, Series 2017. After discussion Neil Berseth made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle. Roll Call vote: Neil Berseth – yes, Tom Wulfekuhle – yes, Jeff Olson – yes; Jody Lingen – absent.

Amy Clark presented the following documents which were signed by the Mayor and City Auditor: Loan Documents, Representative letter, and Bond Certificate.

The minutes from the regular August City Council meeting were reviewed. Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve as presented; motion carried. The minutes from the Special August 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Neil Berseth made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve as presented; motion carried.

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

The bills for the month of September were reviewed. Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Neil Berseth; motion carried.

Old Business:

Water & sewer accounts – Bonnie Gyland leak has been taken care off. It was noted that there is a well casing by Horner house that is leaking. Possible City leak noted; will report if the City Meter reads higher than the residents' readings when next meter reading is at the beginning of October. The Horner house will still be billed for the monthly lagoon expansion fee.

Mayor Gauslow reported that the Fire Department will split the cost with the City for the cost overage for the siren. Grant papers have been submitted; awaiting disbursement.

The 2018 Budget was reviewed for final approval. After review, Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve the 2018 Budget as presented; motion carried.

Resolution 2017-27 for the Water and Sewer Rates was discussed; Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to approve the new rates effective January 1, 2018. Roll Call vote: Jeff Olson – yes, Tom Wulfekuhle – yes, Neil Berseth – no, Jody Lingen – absent.

New Business:

Tom Wulfekuhle submitted his resignation as President of the council; he will remain on the council, but needs to step down as President. Mayor Gauslow accepted the resignation. After discussion Tom Wulfekuhle nominated Jeff Olson to be President, seconded by Neil Berseth; nomination approved. Jeff Olson is President of the City council.

Further discussion was had concerning the Phelps property; after discussion Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Tom Wulfekuhle to authorize the Mayor to handle the issue with the City attorney.

Mayor Gauslow appointed Susan Bowman as City Auditor as required in odd years. Tom Wulfekuhle made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to approve the appointment, motion carried.

Mayor Gauslow reported that the Colfax Farmers Elevator will allow the City to use the tractor for snow removal again this year; John Myer has tentatively agreed to do snow removal for the upcoming season as well.

Mayor Gauslow reported that resident Tom Frankl had received a letter from MinnKota that they were going to cut back on mowing the lot next to their property.

There being no further business, Jeff Olson made a motion, seconded by Neil Berseth to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.