REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2020

In Mayor Larson's absence, Council President Unruh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll showed Councilpersons DeGross, Koosmann, Lee, Peterson, Sandow and Unruh were present. Also present were CT Rosenow, Library Director Schneider, Ambulance Director Lee, Kevin Oium, Anna Mewis, Joan Bartz, Heidi Coe and Carlton DeWitt.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Voice vote carried.

Unruh moved and Lee seconded a motion to approve disbursements. Roll call vote carried with all councilpersons present voting yes.

In Public Comments, Carlton DeWitt questioned the council with regards to the additional charge within the sewer rate schedule. It was explained that this charge was implemented many years ago with approval from the DNR to cover properties that have one water meter but have two or more separate residences or multiple users such as the nursing home or school. DeWitt stated he objected to the charge and it was noted that the charge will be reviewed further.

Ambulance Director Lee updated the council that the radio for the new ambulance has been on back order and once it is installed the new ambulance will be put into service and the old one taken out of service. Lee then questioned the process of how to sell the old ambulance, which will be discussed in agenda item #16.

Joan Bartz asked the council for results to the community survey regarding the old school. Bartz was informed the online survey was closed but the hand written results have not been input or tabulated at this time. Oium stated Cedar will take care of finalizing the results and bring a report to the February council meeting. Bartz also invited the council to the Chamber's Winter Walk on January 24th.

Heidi Coe of the Chamber also questioned the council when a decision would be made regarding the old school property and was told once the survey results were complete the council would discuss options for the site.

There was no summer rec committee report.

Director Schneider gave the library report listing some of activities the library has been hosting, including Santa in December, gnome making classes, Valentine's projects and a Leap Day scavenger hunt involving local businesses. Schneider stated the library received \$272 in donations at the gnome making class and also left a copy of a Facility and Space Needs Analysis prepared by the Indianhead Federated Library System.

In PW Director Caress' absence, there was no public works report.

A written Police report was submitted.

There were no Clerk-Treasurer or Mayor's reports.

In Old Business, municipal building options will be discussed after the results of the community survey are shared at the February meeting.

Kevin Oium explained that the WWTP payments #6 and #7 that had been approved in November and December respectively, had clerical errors when presented and approved. The correct amounts were remitted to August Winter but the minutes need to be amended to reflect approval of the correct amounts. Lee moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve the amended pay requests #6 and #7 to August Winter & Sons in the minutes of the November 18, 2019 and December 9, 2019 Regular Council minutes. Voice vote carried.

Peterson moved and Koosmann seconded a motion to approve pay request #8 for August Winter & Sons in the amount of \$123,500 for the WWTP project. Roll call vote showed all councilperson voting yes. Motion carried.

Oium then informed the council that bids had been opened on January 16th for the asbestos abatement with an alternate bid of disposing of the other hazardous items. Oium stated there was a mandatory pre-bid walk through for all contractors so all were aware of the scope of the project before bidding. Low base bidder was Asbestos Removal Services at \$122,375. Asbestos Removal Services, Hummingbird Environmental and VCI Environmental, Inc. all had bids of \$10,900 for the alternate hazardous material bid. Peterson moved and Lee seconded a motion to award both the base bid and alternate bid to Asbestos Removal Services. Roll call vote showed all councilperson voting yes.

Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01 Terminating Glenwood City Profit Sharing Plan. Voice vote carried.

Peterson moved and DeGross seconded a motion to approve appointment of Karla Neubauer and Anna Mewis to the library board. Voice vote carried.

DeGross moved and Sandow seconded a motion to approve appointment of Jill Darwin as Co-Director for the Ambulance. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Peterson seconded a motion to declare the 1996 Ford Road Rescue ambulance as surplus property with the conditions that the new ambulance has insurance coverage and the new radio be installed before taking the 1996 out of service. Discussion on acceptable ways to sell the ambulance was held and CT Rosenow was instructed to put the item on the February agenda and get direction from Attorney Lindquist on how to proceed with the sale. Voice vote carried.

Lee moved and Unruh seconded a motion to approve Operator's License applications for Lona R Wirth and Tonia R Henneman. Voice vote carried with all councilpersons voting yes.

DeGross moved and Peterson seconded a motion to adjourn. Voice vote carried.

Respectfully submitted, Shari Rosenow Clerk-Treasurer