

November 2, 2015

The City Council of the City of McVile met in regular session November 2, 2015 at the City Office at 7:00pm.
Mayor Doug Stein presiding
Council Members Present: Neil Reiten, Douglas Trostad, Ed Sadowsky, Julie Stewart
Auditors: Renae Arneson, Joanne Brennan, Margaret Carlson
Public Works: Ryan Johnson, Jon Trostad
Other residents in attendance were Betty Ann Bina, Liv Halvorson, Dianne Urvand, Ellen McKinnon

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Motion made by Douglas Trostad, seconded by Neil Reiten to adopt the agenda, all vote aye.

Motion made by Neil Reiten, seconded by Doug Trostad to approve October minutes as presented, all vote aye.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

The Golf course well pit is almost complete. Street sweeping was completed this past week. Sewers will be jetted this week. There was a request that the alley south of the clinic have gravel brought in to fill in potholes. It was also brought up that there was a pot-hole on Main Street near the water tower that needs repair.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Motion made by Doug Trostad, seconded by Julie Stewart to approve the revenues and disbursements as presented by the Auditor, all vote aye.

Motion made by Neil Reiten, seconded by Ed Sadowsky to approve bills 20037 to 20058, to wit:

20037	Brandvold Construction (water tower materials)	\$ 140.00
20038	Kolenda Heating & Cooling (café)	5,850.00
20039	Hawkins, Inc.	67.53
20040	ND One Call (5 locates)	4.95
20041	ND Leagues of Cities (ND City Officials Handbook X 3)	30.00
20042	Grand Forks Utility Billing (water testing through remainder of 2015)	200.00
20043	D & M Service (grounds 240.01; vehicles 175.86; streets 7.50)	424.01
20044	Ness Press, Inc. (employment ad)	19.10
20045	Norman Morken (grounds – mower repair)	130.00
20046	Brager Disposal (September '15)	1,725.25
20047	Verizon Wireless (cellular service)	79.96
20048	U.S. Postal Service (stamps – utility billing)	203.00
20049	Ferguson Waterworks (water plant) (275.00 will be reimbursed by C Club)	825.81
20050	Wootton Tech Support (computer repair)	20.00
20051	Menards (water supplies & bulbs)	165.75
20052	Z's Trees (trim branches on auditorium)	150.00
20053	Otter Tail Power (sts 656.30; wtr 264.30; aud 170.47; café 212.94; airpt 18.57; office 65.94;Grds 13.68; Lee St storage 20.99)	1,423.19
20054	BCBS of ND (Nov. '15 health ins. prem.)	3,231.30
20055	MCI (long distance service)	27.39
20056	Ness Publications (1 yr subscription renewal)	25.00
20057	VOID	
20058	Nelson County Sheriff's Dept. (Nov. '15 policing)	1,204.05

OLD BUSINESS

Dilapidated Buildings/Abandoned Vehicles: Neil Reiten stated that he has seen some improvement at the properties previously discussed on Sheyenne St, Olsgard St and the South McVile Addition. Two other properties that may be in violation of Ordinance #93. Renae will contact the homeowners this week to see if issues can be resolved and will report back to the council.

Lance from Tecta America inspected the small flat roofs on the Auditorium on 10/19/2015. No estimate has been received at this time. Renae will follow up on this. Another option of repair sought estimates for slanted roof over these areas. Gary Johnson Construction and Brandvold Construction were both contacted, however both companies did not feel this would be the best solution for the problem. If a slanted roof was added it would also be difficult to access the roof.

RESTAURANT:

Ed Sadowsky reported that the Café is still in need of additional replacement glassware, new bakeware and a replacement can opener. A replacement pass-through food warmer has been ordered. The Dezotells would like the signs on the highway removed. The possible refund of the sales tax bond deposit for \$2500.00 has not been received.

Kolenda Heating and AC will begin work to upgrade the boilers at the Care Center very soon. Grant paperwork will be completed once a final bill has been secured.

AIRPORT:

Neil Reiten stated he spoke with Allen Rude regarding his letter submitted with a partial payment for hangar rent. Neil will follow to ensure the contract lease and full amount due are remitted.

An airplane belonging to Lance Knutson was discussed. The plane has been inoperable for over two years. The Council would like the Auditor to include a clause in the renewal Leases stating airplanes may be inoperable for only a short time to ensure active airport use. A draft will be reviewed in December.

An estimate was received from Tecta America for reconstruction or overlay on the hangar roof. The council feels that it is unfeasible to move forward with this type repair and may to obtain estimates for a metal roof instead. Renae reported an application for an approach permit was submitted to Devils Lake NDDOT for a future helipad area.

At 8:30 pm Mayor Stein recessed the regular meeting and called to order a Public Hearing to complete the Community Development and Needs Assessment related to the Community Development Block Grant application for the Street Light Project. A grant of approximately \$112, 840.00 is being secured. The community assessment was completed at 8:55 pm.

Mayor Stein reconvened the regular meeting at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Renae proposed sending out a Daycare Survey to see if the community would benefit by having a facility in town. Motion made by Doug Trostad, seconded by Ed Sadowsky to send out a Daycare survey to McVilleville, Rural and surrounding area, all vote aye.

A Brager Disposal Contract for refuse collection for the period of 11/1/15 to 11/01/2018 was reviewed. After discussion, motion made by Doug Trostad, seconded by Neil Reiten to accept the new contract as presented, all vote aye.

Doug Stein request for building permit for a 24' x 16' storage building on his residence property. Mayor Stein turned the Chair over to President of the Council Doug Trostad. Motion made by Ed Sadowsky, seconded by Neil Reiten to issue the building permit, all vote aye. The Chair was then turned back to Mayor Stein.

PORTFOLIO-COMMENTS: Neil Reiten stated he would like to flood an ice rink at the Country Club again this winter. Doug Trostad stated he had been at the Country Club Meeting and it was favorable. The Council agreed it was a nice addition to the winter time activities.

Doug Trostad requested a thank you be placed on the McVilleville Channel for Rick Urvand and David Aaser regarding their maintenance of flags displayed this past summer on the Main St. areas.

Neil Reiten stated he received a note regarding the sewer flow rate on the utility bills and if it was possible to give a credit for those who have gardens. It was noted that the flow rate is used to pay for the Lagoon/Generator Project instead of special assessments levied against the property owners. Other options discussed included a separate meter for this type of use that would be not subject to those fees. Feasibility of the same was discussed.

The need to replace the conference room chairs was discussed. Their condition was noted as unsafe. Renae had found some good choices at Sam's Club in Grand Forks and a picture was reviewed. Motion made by Doug Trostad, seconded by Ed Sadowsky to purchase 8 chairs at Sam's Club, all vote aye. PW will pick these up on their next trip to Grand Forks.

Public Comments: Ellen McKinnon reported that 16 families benefited from the pet pantry in November. Dianne Urvand asked if there was a better option for the McVilIe Days stage to be stored. Currently is located south of town without any protection. The Council thought it could be moved behind the Water Plant Shop. PW will take care of this.

Liv Halvorson stated concerns with regards to the publishing of city minutes as well as utility billing concerns regarding sewer rates. It was noted that the minutes are published on-line on the City website in their entirety and are the official minutes included in the official council minute book and presented to the council members. It was noted from a past council member that publishing all conversations in the newspaper was costly and the bills are listed on line as well in an effort to save taxpayer dollars. Copies are also available at the City Office. Mayor Stein again suggested they could possibly install a second meter for watering.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm.

ATTEST:

Renae Arneson, Auditor

Mayor Douglas Stein