

City of McVile

Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council – Monday August 6th, 2018

PRESENT: Mayor Douglas Stein; Council members Katelyn Hain, Douglas Trostad, and Dianne Urvand; Auditor Chanda Arneson; Deputy Auditor, Joanne Brennan; PW Director, Ryan Johnson; and PW II, Jonathon Trostad.

NOT PRESENT: Council Member Patt Czarnik,

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 pm by Mayor Stein.

AGENDA: **Motion** by member Urvand, 2nd by member Hain, to approve meeting agenda as distributed; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES: **Motion** by member Trostad, 2nd by member Urvand, to approve minutes of July 2nd, 2018 regular meeting and minutes of July 6th special meeting as written; motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Tri-State Paving is currently in Binford and will be working their way up to us. A solid timeline as to when they can get to our street repairs has not been established. Working on general maintenance on the water plant, including dumping the reclaim pit. Questions as to the location of the band stand during McVile Days: YES, it needs to be where it is placed due to the voltage of power needed. The power source was included in the café when it was built.

AUDITORS REPORT: Ove Aaser inquired about being reimbursed for half of the year he was not using his liquor and beer licenses due to the sale of his bar. Council agrees if it doesn't impact the current bar owner's sale of product pertaining to state license requirements. The owner of the shed on the West side of town has removed the building on his own accord. Be it noted: Since the city office does not have a cash drawer, there will be NO circumstances in which change will be made for anyone for any reason. Unpaid bills will be assessed to property taxes August 10th. Restaurant ice machine should be here soon.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Motion to approve July financials by member Trostad, 2nd by member Urvand, motion carried. Motion to approve July payments by member Urvand 2nd by member Hain. Motion carried. Visa - \$1626.05; Overtail - \$3813.67; State Tax - \$275; Job Service - \$116.25; Payroll tax - \$3,124.16; Chanda (mileage) - \$60.50; NDPERS - \$2,467.97; BCBS - \$2,813.40; Ness Press - \$75.90; Morken - \$45; Sheriff - \$2408.10; Brager - \$4,321; NDTC - 272.89; Ken Quanbeck (trailer) - \$1,850; CNHI - \$240.74; Oxton's - \$11.90; UNUM - \$242.68; Hoyt - \$663; Quill - \$71.28, Forum - \$58.82; Verizon - \$153.32; Tolna Plumbing - \$210; GFLab - \$41; Election Expenses - \$385; Domain - \$228; D&M Service - \$596.39; Wallace - \$822.15; Marc - \$617.50

OLD BUSINESS:

Promissory Note/Lot incentive program: Mayor Stein gave an update from the attorney pertaining to the current lot incentive program. The council agreed that the program should be re-evaluated due to the low number of lots now available and the actual cost of lots comparable to the area. This thought is including future discussions that will occur about removing dilapidated buildings and cost to turn the property into usable lots. To ensure the lot is built on and not left vacant, the council would like to see a rewording of the agreement to state that the lot will go back to the city if it is not built on in 2 years. The program would be more of a two-year option to buy. The attorney will be contacted to draft these changes to ensure a legally binding agreement. Members present agree that it is in the best interest of all involved to honor the existing application with changes made to any future applications. Motion was made by member Trostad to approve lot purchase application for Larry and Angie Jacobson and Casey Borah and Amanda Jacobson with the stipulation of building within two years or the property defaults back to the city. 2nd by member Urvand. Role call vote: Aye Urvand, Aye Hain, Aye Trostad. Motion carried.

Meeting dates: Motion made by member Trostad, 2nd by member Urvand that City Council of the City of McVile will hereby designate the 2nd Monday of each month in the calendar year to meet for its regular council meeting.

Garbage Rates: It was recommended to increase rates from \$19.50 to an even \$20.00. Discussion about giving discounts or exemptions to residents who are absent certain amounts of time through the year brought the council to a decision to incur garbage rates all year for all residents. Motion to keep garbage payments assessed to all residents all year made by member Urvand, 2nd by member Trostad: Motion carried. Motion to increase garbage rates from \$19.50 to \$20.00 a month made by member Trostad, 2nd by member Hain: Motion carried.

VOTE FOR OFFICIALS: Nomination from Member Hain to elect member Trostad as President of council, no other nominations. Nomination from member Trostad to elect member Hain as Vice president of the council, no other nominations: unanimous ballot was cast. Motion to approve member Trostad as President and member Hain as Vice President of council made by member Urvand, 2nd by member Trostad. All approved, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review and approval of 2019 preliminary budget: Motion to approve the 2019 preliminary budget as presented made by member Trostad, 2nd by member Trostad, all approve; motion carried. Preliminary budget is available for review of the public in the McVile City office.

Building permit approval: Stein Seed is planning to build new hopper bins. A question about easements pertaining to the highway is in the process of being figured out. Once setbacks are established they would like to begin building. Motion to approve the build of possibly 8 bins at about \$160,000 made by member Urvand, 2nd by member Hain. All approved, motion carried.

Request to approve liquor/beer license: Motion by member Urvand, 2nd by member Hain, to approve the beer and liquor applications for the McVile Café and the American Legion Bar and Grill: motion carried.

McVile Days Committee Report: Money is left over to start next year with. Wish the dance was better attended. Fishing derby was great. 15 kids, all but one kid caught fish. Help from Jason Begalu was appreciated. The meal in the park brought in the greatest income to use in 2019. Dianne and Joanne are not planning to be on the committee next year. Chanda Arneson agrees to help organize for 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Czarnik and Hain are the economic development committee. Larry Jacobson has some ideas he would like to bring forward. Larry asked to use any grills that the city has in storage due to some issues with the current grills in the café. Slow cook times due to low heat and lack of grill space.

PORTFOLIO REPORTS:

1. Member Urvand asked to have the warning siren looked at due to a "sick" sound. It is owned by the fire department, so they will be asked to follow up.

2. Member Trostad asked about the Sr. Bus being parked someplace else due to low visibility when turning onto Main street. The ND Cares sign was moved to a lower position and is in the way of mowing. Follow up with the ND Cares committee to see who oversees the sign.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:45 PM

ATTEST:

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Chanda Arneson
City Auditor

Douglas Stein
Mayor