

McVille City Council Minutes
Regular Meeting Monday, July 2nd 7PM at the McVille City Hall

Present were Mayor Stein, Members Urvand, Czarnik, Trostad, City Auditor C. Arneson, Public works Johnson and Trostad, Sheriff Olson and a few residents from the public.
Absent was Member Hain.

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7PM.

A change to June Regular meeting was requested to add the Council requests an annual update from all public offices (Café, Golf Course, Auditorium, Park Board) after their annual meetings occur. This is to keep the Council up to date. Motion to approve minutes after change by member Urvand, second by Member Trostad. Motion passed. Motion to approve June Special Meeting minutes made by Member Trostad, second by member Urvand.

Public Works Report: A solid estimate to remove the dilapidated building on the West side of town will be made once someone is able to see the inside of the building to make sure that it contains no hazardous materials. As of now the cost will be between \$2,000 - \$4,000.

The F-250 has 247,000 miles on it and the transmission is weak.

The city needs help with mowing. Member Trostad motioned to approve the hire of a Public Works Assistant for \$12 for up 30 hours a week up to 12 weeks starting the 3rd day of July. Second by Member Czarnik. Motion passed.

A trailer is needed to haul the water tank used for spraying. This falls under pest control needs. Currently a trailer is being borrowed from anyone who happens to have one available. We would like to get away from this as the liability of someone else's property would be ours as well as the availability of the implement. Ken Quanbeck has access to one for \$1,850. Motion made by Member Trostad to purchase the trailer for \$1,850. Second by member Czarnik. All approved, motion passed.

Auditor's report. – suggestion to raise garbage fees from \$19.50 to \$20. This would better help us collect the fees we pay monthly for garbage removal. A vote was not needed, just a start of discussion.

Addressed accounts receivable and the outstanding bills residents owe the city. One more letter will be sent to the residents who have an outstanding balance, after that the amounts will be applied to property taxes in order to collect payments these residents owe.

The water meter reader had issues again. Chanda drove to Reynolds ND to meet the distributor for Ferguson Water Works. It seems to be an issue with the cradle, not the reader. Borrowing a cradle to use will buy us time before we need to purchase a new meter reader.

Motion by Member Urvand to approve June bills, Member Czarnik seconded motion passed.

Motion to approve financials by Member Urvand second by Member Trostad, motion passed.

TriCounty Water - The final contract again needs an update. A request from Mike Blessum to change water usage to be “divided by their consumption as percentage of plant capacity usage”. It was suggested to add a clause of daily minimum usage Tri-Co Water must adhere to. Some questions came up pertaining to which items would be included in the cost share for maintenance, the water for South of the tracks, future economic structures or housing development.

Ryan and Peggy Nelson discussed the complaints and history of their dog. City council reviewed the history of complaints and discussed the classification of public nuisance and following the ordinance #83 pertaining to animals in the city. Chanda explained that the next step in the ordinance is removal of the animal and a court supported fee.

A bid from TriCounty Paving was offered at \$8,580 to fix some holes in the streets and to hot pack some places to further the life of our streets until the next step can be taken. Motion made by Member Urvand to except the bid, 2nd by member Trostad. Motion passed.

Sheriff Olson reported less calls this month. Busy with storm damage reports and he explained how paper service works and why they do so many of them.

Café Painting - Chanda gave the approval to Conley’s Painting to go ahead and paint the trim and the West side of the café building. The Mayor asked him to stop painting until the council could meet to give approval. Upon discussion pertaining to the front of the Café being cement board and the condition of the trim around the window, a motion was made by Member Trostad and 2nd by Member Urvand to approve Conley’s painting to paint the trim on the café. Motion was amended on July 6th to approve painting of the entire West side and the trim of the building. Motion by Member Urvand, 2nd by Member Czarnik, opposed by member Trostad, motion passed.

The new owners of the bar on Main Street requested approval for their liquor licenses. For beer, wine and liquor both on and off sale. The new name of the bar will be Double Down. Motion to approve the licenses made by Member Trostad, 2nd by Member Urvand, all approved and motion carried.

Questions about reassigning portfolios. All agreed to keep them the same. It was mentioned that the Park Board meets the 1st Wed of the month. It was explained that City owns the airport so there is no formal board overlooking it, a committee is in place to discuss situations that come up with the airport authority, which is currently the city council.

Public comments from Mike Donohue commending Public Works for their excellent job in clearing the streets after the storms. He had questions over future water supplies when it comes to shortages. In the case of drought or disaster, McVile put its residents first. Larry Jacobson with the McVile Café expressed concern about the replacement of the ice machine. Chanda is working with Kolenda and the insurance company and one will be placed

int the café as soon as possible. Larry also expressed concern about the cats that seem to be migrating north of the bus barn area,

The council revisited the city lot incentive program and the promissory note attachment. In order to ensure the city isn't hosting empty lots, the thought was to have a lawyer redraft the paperwork to state something along the lines of a 2yr option to buy. Questions on future economic development pertaining to housing and business opportunity occurred.

Pat Czarnik suggested we look into changing the meeting dates from the 1st Monday of the month to the 2nd Monday of the month. Chanda will look into the process of getting that done.

Motion to approve Rita Loibl as president of the McVile Community Library Board of Directors for a 3 year term made by Member Czarnik, 2nd by Member Urvand. Motion passed.

George Kobel was voted in as the newest member of the McVile Park Board.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 PM