

McVile City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 12th 7:00 PM
At the McVile City Hall

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor Stein, members Hain, Urvand and Czarnik, Public works Johnson and Trostad, Auditor C Arneson, Deputy Auditor Brennan and 2 members of the public.
Absent was member Trostad.

Motion to approve agenda made by member Urvand, 2nd by member Hain, motion passed.

Changes to October 4th special meeting minutes to read Judy S, not Cathy. *Pending changes, motion to approve special meeting minutes from October 4th & 8th as well as regular meeting minutes from October 8th made by member Czarnik, 2nd by member Urvand, motion passed.*

Public works expressed concerns over the energy efficiency of the roof at the water plant as well as other concerns such as the bathrooms and general updates to pumps and filters. Council asked them to get bids for these updates. Concern was also expressed over the amount of funding that is being distributed throughout the city in other, non-revenue building, areas. TriState paving was able to make it to town to fix the most severe parts of our streets before the snow came. It was a challenge as the weather was colder than ideal to work with asphalt. Scott Erickson, MyTown Storage ensures his intentions of finishing the storage unit in town. He has some weather delays and wanted to communicate his continuation of the project as soon as weather permits. Computer updates are in dire need for the city office. The current computers are 12 years old and the operating systems will not support updates much longer. Suggestions to backup the data in a cloud-based program and/or an external harddrive to ensure data is accessible in the case of a breakdown. Auditor C Arneson is to get a couple bids to replace current computers. Public works and the auditor's office are gathering estimates to apply for a grant that would help with providing basic services to our residents. The web domain is currently down. Auditor Arneson is working with NDTC to remedy this. Council would like to reevaluate the rental agreement for the auditorium at December's meeting. It was suggested that the library look at the hours of operation and possibly adjust to help lower expenses, at least over the winter with heating cost. All avenues throughout the city are being evaluated to see where the city can lower expenses. *Motion to approve October's revenues and disbursements made by member Urvand, 2nd by member Czarnik, motion passed. Motion to approve October financial statement made by member Czarnik, 2nd by member Hain, motion passed. Payments: Payroll - \$9405.07, BCBS - \$2873.40, Onecall - \$4.80, Payroll tax - \$3056.24, NDPERS - \$1516.25, NDTC - \$272.53, Verizon - \$158.22, Park Board Audit - \$75, Ness Press - \$48.56, GF Lab - \$41, Olson Law firm - \$2865, Sheriff - \$1204.05, Brager Disposal - \$1725.25, Streetlight loan - \$2663.78, Terry Huso - \$333, D&M - \$344.72, Ottetail - \$ 2537.39, Oxton's - \$9.08. Motion to approve the updated EAP for the McVile Dam as presented by Moore Engineering made by member Urvand, 2nd by member Czarnik, motion passed.* TriCounty Water was sent an invoice for the "buy in" amount as per the water purchase agreement. This money will be placed in the water account to help with any future repairs we may need. TriCounty is asking for a description of the easement where they would like to build their pump house. All agree that this should be their responsibility. Questions were asked about illegally parked vehicles, especially with snow on the ground. How do we enforce things? Auditor Arneson explained that letters have been sent and now this is the responsibility of law enforcement. Council suggests talking to County Commissioners pertaining to the issue in hopes of getting these ordinances enforced. Council member Czarnik agreed to follow up with the Sheriff's department one more time. *Resignation of Deputy Auditor Joanne Brennan starting November 30st, was motioned for approval*

by member Urvand, 2nd by member Hain, resignation approved. Brennan would like to continue assisting in the City Office on a volunteer basis. *Resignation of member Douglas Trostad was motioned for approval by member Urvand, 2nd by member Czarnik, resignation approved.* Discussion took place over an assistant in the City office as well as appointing a new council member. Public comments were made about the updated meters and other programs and how often technology changes and the expense of updates. Larry Jacobson from the McVille Café questioned the need for a water softener in the Café. He asked about the crack in the dining room ceiling, it appears to be from the weather changing and leading to expansion and retraction. He asked if there were ways to donate money to entities like the library for help with the internet bill, for example. Yes, the city is a nonprofit and can accept donations.

Adjourned: 10:00 PM

Doug Stein, Mayor

Attest: Chanda Arneson, Auditor