

City of McVille

Regular meeting minutes April 8th, 2019 – 7:00 pm

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

Present: Mayor Stein, Members Czarnik & Messner, Public Works Johnson & Trostad, Auditor C. Arneson, Assistant Auditor Ciubotareanu and a few members of the public. **Not Present:** Member Hain.

Agenda motioned for approval by member Czarnik, 2nd Member Messner, motion passes.

March 11th Regular meeting minutes motioned for approval by member Czarnik, 2nd member Messner, motion passes.

Public Works Report The Pekin water contract agreement needs to be updated. Council agrees to increase the monthly testing rate to \$100 & the hourly rate to \$45. Pekin will be asked to review the document before finalizing the updates. The County welder used to thaw water lines is broken. The city has a smaller one they can try to use until this is fixed. Some homes have to run garden hoses to have water until lines are thawed back out. A camera scope will be done on sewer lines to figure out what may have caused freezes. *Motion to approve the bid from D & D roofing for replacement of the water plant roof made by member Messner, 2nd Czarnik.*

Auditor's Report Ottertail Power has asked the council to approve upcoming replacement of streetlight bulbs. The cost would increase about \$.69 per bulb and the new bulbs are zero emission. *Member Czarnik motioned for approval of the streetlights being updated, 2nd member Messner, motion passes.*

Financial Report *March financials motioned for approval by member Czarnik, 2nd member Messner, motion passes.*

Visa \$1164.33 Sheriff \$1204.05 Ottertail \$3419.10 BCBS \$2813.40 F & M Bank \$6972.59 Verizon \$153.38 Brager \$1725.25 NessPress \$200.10 D & M \$1431.05 State Auditor \$75 Ferguson \$394.88 Tri Co \$1431.05 NCHS Grant \$22986 Co Shop \$2700 GF Lab \$56.00 Hawkins \$600.40 Tolna Plumbing \$2000 Jetway \$2065 NessPress \$88.32 BCBS \$2813.40 Visa \$146.29 Sheriff \$1204.05 Morken \$110 Banyon - meter reading \$1190 Tolna Plumbing \$700 FU Oil \$95.58 Menards \$19.39 CBS \$83.25 F & M Bank \$2512.80 NDPERS \$1394.95 NDTC \$87.43 NDTC \$185.10 Payroll \$8339.04

Old Business Café Discussion – With the suggested changes from the lawyer added to the updated lease, the council agrees to meet with Carl Dezotell and go forward from there. Discussion occurred on how to collect unpaid bills from previous café owners. It was suggested to talk to the states attorney to get some guidance.

Computer updates – Council reviewed 2 bids for computers and program updates. More information is needed.

Kolenda Agreement/payment Outstanding Kolenda bills will be payed in 2 instalments, one for quarterly service agreements and one for service calls. The council will discuss continuation of the maintenance agreement when more information about the services provided is presented.

Sewer & Water freeze Conversations about water bills, line thaw bills and inquiries about plumbing bills have been common. The council discussed following policy. Offering any discounts of payments on bills for personal property of utilities cannot happen. The city is working with tax payer dollars and has to consider the impact of all taxpayers.

New Business Formal cat complaints: Residents have called about damage to their property due to feral cats. Information about the harm in feeding these cats and the contribution to disease and overpopulation feeding them causes will be compiled and available to the public in hopes to keep this issue under control. Any information about controlling the population in a humane way is welcome.

Building Permits Member Messner motioned for approval of building permits for Donohue patio on cement slab and Hall/Lindvall fence. 2nd by member Czarnik. Motion passes.

Poppy Month – Proclamation Mayor Stein designated May as poppy month in honor of Veterans.

Water shut-offs Delinquent utility bills were reviewed, and council is aware of current residents due for shut off of utilities from non-payment.

Member resignation (March 28th) Member Urvand resigned. Her position is currently open for appointment from council. This term is up for reelection in 2020.

Announcements Mon. April 15, 7 PM tax equalization meeting. Mon. May – 7PM Next Regular City Council Meeting

Adjournment 9:33PM

Mayor _____

Attest _____