

City of McVille

Minutes – May 13th, 2019 – 7:00 pm

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

Present: Mayor Stein, Members Messner, Hain, Czarnik, Public works Johnson & Trostad, Auditor C. Arneson, Assistant auditor Diana C and numerous members of the public.

Agenda and April minutes motioned for approval by member Hain, 2nd by member Czarnik, motion passes.

Public Works Report: A water main break was fixed earlier in the month. Street repair is needed in the area after the ground settles. Green sand was ordered for the water plant. Still waiting for Kolenda to follow up on the furnace. Jon will pick up supplies to cold patch potholes around town. Campers for TriCo water expansion are set up in town.

Auditor's Report: Computers are down and will be a total of 2 weeks before everything is up and running again. The focus has been organization and records retention. Meter reading program will cost about \$7,800. This includes a year of training, the program and the module. *Motion to purchase the meter reading program as well as a laptop up to \$500 made by member Hain, 2nd member Messner, all in favor, motion passes.* A dog attack in town brings up concerns with animals running at large and how the city can work with law enforcement to combat the issue.

Financial Report: Wait until June to approve due to the computers and all programs being inaccessible.

PAYMENTS: State Tax \$287, State Unemployment \$47.49, F & M Bank \$2652.08, Payroll\$9570.74, NDPERS \$1319.09, Pare - café hood \$2485, Parker/website \$75, Stumper Pumper \$1350, Ressler \$250, Lilleoien \$500, Brodell \$250, Menards \$138.35, Ottertail \$2152.12, D & M, \$1558.48, Ihry \$21, Brager \$1725.25, Verizon \$152.78, Dam Emergency Plan \$1250, Uglem - café lease \$112.50, Tri Co – Petro \$2840.67, Co Shop \$1260, Lake Region tourism \$300, Kolenda \$9020.07, Kolenda \$5100, Ness \$74.52, Hawkins \$721.57, Wangler Foods \$20.50, Lake Agassiz – mem \$250, Sheriff \$1204.05, Flags \$60.77, F & M Visa \$341.98, BCBS \$2813.40, Kolenda \$836.95, Menards \$406.30, Sage Accounting \$725.41, NDTTC \$271.48

Sarah Braun spoke to council about her contract with the auditorium for dance classes. She would like to offer more classes. Her request was for the council to consider a monthly rate vs a daily rental rate. The council will take a month to think about what this agreement change would look like.

Old Business: Lot incentive program – *motion to abolish the existing lot program made by member Czarnik, 2nd member Hain, motion passes.* **Current lot inquiries** – *Motion to rescind outstanding lot application made by member Hain, 2nd member Messner, motion passes.* Further discussion on how city owned lots will be priced.

Café Discussion: Member Messner spoke with C. Dezotel about the lease that was offered last month. Mr. Dezotel offered no negotiations on the revised lease as he is no longer interested in the opportunity. Council agrees that the café should be advertised to offer another chance at the building operating as a café. The status will be addressed monthly.

NCHS Grant: *Motion made by member Messner 2nd by member Czarnik to sponsor a ND Dept of Commerce, Energy Efficiency Grant for the NCHS Care Center for replacement of their lighting. All in favor, motion passes.*

New Council Member: Mayor Stein appointed Jennifer Bachmeier to fulfill the vacant position whose term is up for reelection in 2020. All member approved.

Old Business: BCBS – No increase to our current policy premiums.

Designate paper: *Motion made by member Hain 2nd by member Czarnik to continue using The Messenger as the city's official paper.*

Summer assistant for Public Works: E. Sherman will resume this position at a 20 hr weekly maximum.

Public Comments: Accusations of personal interest in the café situation were expressed. Council addressed concerns by explaining the legal process involved and the expenses that have accrued over the years. The taxpayers in the city simply cannot afford to continue subsidizing the building while not having funds to support essential infrastructural needs. It was stated that nobody is against a café, however, an analysis on how to run it successfully needs to be considered. Concerns over food service during McVile Days were addressed by explaining that numerous organizations would love the opportunity to serve as well as the existing entities currently serving food to the public. How are meetings posted: 24 hours in advance on the front door. An opportunity to sponsor and support the dance classes was mentioned.

Announcements: Tuesday, May 21st is Arbor day – Honoring Denny Stenson

Monday, June 10th - 7:00 pm - Next Regular City Council Meeting

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM