

City of McVille

Regular City Council minutes - October 14th

Call to Order Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7PM. **Present:** Mayor Stein, Members Czarnik, Hain, Bachmeier, Messner, Auditor C. Arneson, Public works Johnson and Trostad, Michael Donohue, D, Triller, E. Gilbertson and members of the airport committee.

Approval of Agenda: *Motion to approve agenda made by member Czarnik, 2nd member Hain, all agree, motion passes.*

Approve Minutes: *September 9th regular meeting minutes motioned for approval by member Hain, 2nd member Czarnik, all agree, motion passes.*

Public Works Report: Clearing streets for the snowstorm was a huge effort. In order to reduce expenses & wear and tear on roads, it was decided that the road North of the bus barn would no longer be maintained during winter months. The airport runways would also be evaluated. *Motion to approve closing the road North of the bus barn made by member Messner, 2nd member Czarnik, all approved, motion passes.* Climate Control will be replacing the electrical panel in the water plant. The company who dug the water salesman lines will be invoiced for water used at the same rate as any water sales and for damages to a copper wire. The snowplow truck needs work, this will take place in Binford. Curb stops, fire hydrants and storm drains are concerns when private citizens start moving snow. It is important for people to wait until city snow removal equipment gets a chance to come through before private residents start working. Ryan Johnson is formally giving his notice of resignation for his position as PW Director.

Auditor's Report: Small claims court from previous cafe operations is set for October 18th at 11:00 Am. Dumpsters left on the street were asked to be removed. Garbage receptacles are to be removed from the curb after garbage pickup, this allows our streets to be obstacle free during snow removal.

Financial Report: September financials motioned for approval by member Bachmeier, 2nd member Messner, all approved, motion passes. Payments: NDPERS \$1408.48, EFTPS \$2955.12, Steamatic \$3241.12, NDIRF \$182.75, Locken \$680, Brager \$1725.25, Verizon \$163.65, County Shop \$142.50, Ferguson \$63.65, Ottetail \$1769.67, Menards \$154.57, D&M \$192.27, Visa \$1994, NDTC \$274.68, BCBS \$2813.40, Wallace Repair \$214.63, Abbot, Arne, Schwindt \$9811.90, Wilcox\$75, Payroll \$10540.41

Old Business:

Moore engineering Update – Eric Gilbertson gave updates on projects at the state level, mostly pertaining to water projects. He mentioned stipulations around use of the “Prairie Dog Funding” for future project such as the dam, water system updates and the city streets.

Airport Updates – Mr. Triller brought up the possibility of alternative sites for our municipal airport. A new location would ensure longer, safer runways and open opportunities for twin engine planes to land. *Motion made by member Hain to continue the scope and fee with the existing airport as well as continuing with alternative sites. Motion 2nd by member Czarnik, all agree, motion passes.*

Budgeting for wages – payroll compilations for employees were created for current wages/benefits as well as possible future increases.

Café Discussion: Still no interest. The heat will be turned back on and Public Works will check the water lines in preparation for colder weather.

New Business:

Town Hall Meeting: Scheduled for November 18th at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium.

Economic development – Discussion on ways to incentivize business owners to operate in the City.

GovCard – *online payment option was motioned for approval by member Bachmeier, 2nd member Messner, all agree, motion passes.*

Snow removal agreement for DP School - *updated and motioned for approval for the 2019/20 school year by member Czarnik, 2nd by member Messner, all agree, motion passes.*

Public Comments: Mr. Donohue mentioned peppermint oil on a cotton ball deters rodents in buildings.

Announcements: **Tuesday** November 12th - 7:00 pm - Next Regular City Council Meeting, moved forward one day due to Veterans day.

Town Hall Meeting: to be held on Monday, November 18th at 7PM in the auditorium

Adjournment: 10:30 PM

Mayor Stein _____

Attest: Auditor Arneson _____