

January 20, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: Acting mayor Dan Golstrand called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Bruce Goldstrand accepted appointment as Mayor. Mayor Goldstrand was sworn in. Council members present were Cindy Adams, Jim Erickson, Dan Goldstrand. Also present were city employees Becka Nubson and Bob Anderson; Fire Chief Bobby Schmeideberg Verlene Hill, Darlene Brown and Lean Kawalikuk were also present.

Motion made to appoint Verlene Hill as the new council member. Adams/D. Goldstrand, all in favor. Motion carried. Hill sworn in.

There was a discussion of minutes from December 2014 regular meeting. **M/S/P – Adams/Erickson to accept regular meeting minutes from 12-15-14 with changes. Also M/S/P- Erickson/Adams to accept minutes from 1/12/15 special meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Bobby Schmeideberg present to discuss fire department update. **M/S/P- Adams/Goldstrand to accept fire department items to the agenda.**

No complaints or other additions needed to be added to the agenda.

• **Appointments for 2015 by Mayor:** Lawyers are Brink, Soblick eta; Newspaper is North Star News; Treasurer to be announced as current treasurer has resigned; fire chief is Bobby Schmeideberg; water superintendent is Bob Anderson and sewer is also Bob Anderson; Streets are Jim Erickson and Verlene Hill; weed control Cindy Adams and Bruce Goldstrand; Community programs is Verlene Hill and Cindy Adams. **M/S/P Adams/ Hill to accept Mayor Appointments.**

*Mayor and council acknowledged the resignation of Cathy Englund as Treasurer. Discussion of replacement and appointment will be at the February meeting.

*Discussion of water bills took place. The Mike from Fergusson was spoken with regarding meter readings. Suggestion was to estimate the January bills then read meters in February again. He will be here to train the new clerk and Bob Anderson on how to read meters. Adams will also be trained as back up. Banyon will be contacted to clarify how to estimate water bills. No late fees will be asset for January bills. **M/S/P Erickson/Adams to accept discussion to estimate January bills, read meters for February and train 3 people on meter reader.**

*Bobby Schmeideberg discussed upcoming training for fire department volunteers. **M/S/P Adams/Erickson w/Daniel Goldstrand abstaining to send 8 volunteers to the Mahnomen training session.**

Also discussed was March training estimate of attendees will be brought to the February meeting.

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Job description for city clerk was reviewed. No changes made no motion needed. Discussion of combining Clerk/Treasure will take place during the year of 2015. Clerk will put together information on what is needed and the pros and cons to combining the position. **M/S/P Goldstrand/Erickson to hold a special meeting on January 26, 2015 to interview for City Clerk and discuss replacement for treasurer. The meeting is to start at 6 pm with interviews every 15 minutes starting at 6:30 pm.**

OLD BUSINESS:

Next regular council meeting to be held on Tuesday February 17th at 5:30 pm. Date change is due to Presidents Day holiday.

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Anderson reported that no bacteria in samples. Wastewater will be transferred beginning on February 17th. New hook up was done since last meeting for resident in Lake Bronson. Anderson passed licensing and is just waiting for the license to arrive. Now He is able to send in own samples. Funds will be made available to have samples mailed. Anderson is to work out with new clerk who will see that samples are mailed. Anderson is also to working on city equipment to prepare for summer. There has been less snow removal time this year so able to catch up on shop issues. Pricing of parts and repairs discussed. Scraping of streets has been at \$175.00 an hour this year. New truck was discussed for the city. Anderson is to check out State auction to see if there is one available. Also a new mower may be needed. Hydrants are also to be flushed this summer. **M/S/P Erickson/Adams to approve maintenance report and allow for \$200.00 in postage to be made available for water and sewer sample mailings.**

BILLS TO BE AUDITED: The council reviewed the claims list for bills. **M/S/P – Adams/Hill to approve the claims list and pay bills.**

ADJOURNMENT: **M/S/P – Goldstrand/Adams** to adjourn until the special scheduled council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Rebecca Nubson, City Clerk