

January 17, 2017

OATH OF OFFICES: Evan Veer took his oath of office as Mayor of the City. Jerry Vanderlinde, Leana Kowaliuk and Verlene Hill took their oaths of office as council members.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor E. Veer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were, J. Erickson, V. Hill, L. Kowaliuk and J. Vanderlinde. City employees present were Sandy Lund and Shane Martin. Public present was Darlene Brown.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Erickson, to accept the minutes of the December 19, 2016 council meeting. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Erickson/All**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The clerk added a Fire Department claim and payment schedule for Robert Anderson, cities wastewater tester.

CITIZENS CONCERNS: D. Brown would like the hills of snow by the Lutheran church crossing removed, as they are high and a person's driving cannot see cross traffic. She was also concerned with snowmobiles driving down city streets. D. Brown asked the council to see what can be done with the house near the road on her street, the plows cannot plow to the edge of the road because of the house. The clerk will contact the home owner to see what can be done.

OLD BUSINESS: The generator was discussed and Vanderlinde will contact Jim Walsh to see if he can work on it. Pankrat's property lines was tabled at this time. Pay Equity Due January 31, 2017, the clerk will take care of this. GPS for finding water shut off, Martin has it working now.

NEW BUSINESS: 2107 Mayor Appointments: Official Depositor: Prime Security Bank, Official Paper: North Star News, Treasurer: Shelly Westerberg, Attorney: Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm & Albrecht, Acting Fire Chief: Bobby Schmiedeberg, Wastewater Superintendent: Bob Anderson & Shane Martin, Water Superintendent: Bob Anderson, Acting Mayor: Jerry Vanderlinde, Water & Sewer: Jerry Vanderlinde & Leana Kowaliuk, Streets: Jim Erickson & Verlene Hill, Community Projects: Verlene Hill & Leana Kowaliuk, Weed Inspector: Verlene Hill & Leana Kowaliuk. **NKRW Rate increase:** A motion was made by Erickson, seconded by Vanderlinde to raise the city water prices by 6%. **M/S/P – Erickson/Vanderlinde/All. Bulk water rate increase:** Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Erickson to raise city bulk water rates to \$9.00. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Erickson/All. Board of Equalization Training:** Erickson and Hill will take the On-Line to be done by Feb. 1, 2017 for the Board of Equalization. **Shane Martin's Fire Department applicant:** Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Hill, to accept Shane Martin's Fire Department Application, with the stipulation that if Martin is working on either water or sewer, he cannot attend to the fire call. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Hill/All.**

MAINTENANCE REPORT: Martin reported that he will put up a temporary stop sign by the Village Square until he is able to replace the sign that was knocked over. The DMR's are done for the month. The sweeper chain broke and the sweeper needs new U-joints. The transmission was replace in the city plow truck. Erickson said several street lights are out, they are at the Veterans Memorial, by George Williams, in front of the city shop, and by Evan Veer's house. Erickson asked Martin to call Ottertail Power to report this. Erickson also wants the snow removed from the school gym flat roof. One of the lights on the exterior of the Fire Department building is out, the clerk will call an electrician to fix it. Kowaliuk said that several vents on the Community Center are plugged, Martin will look into this.

CITY BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED: Erickson made a motion, seconded by Vanderlinde, to pay the City claims. **M/S/P – Erickson/Vanderlinde/All.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT BILLS/CLAIMS TO BE AUDITED: Erickson made a motion, seconded by Kowaliuk, to pay the City claims. **M/S/P – Erickson/Kowaliuk/All.**

ADJOURNMENT: Vanderlinde made a motion, seconded by Kowaliuk, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m. **M/S/P – Vanderlinde/Kowaliuk/All.** The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 21, 2017.