

Regular meeting of the mayor and council of the City of Downs was held January 5, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present: John Cary, Teri Cordill, David Draayer, David Hardy. Absent: Jerry Knouf. Also in attendance: Bruce Berkley, Terry Gradig, Vickie Oviatt, Edgar Reinert, Cathy Shellito, LaRhea Cole, Evan Joy, Ron Duran.

Mayor Brush called the meeting to order and led in the flag salute.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 regular meeting and the December 29, 2014 special meeting. Carried.

The law enforcement report from the sheriff's office was reviewed.

City Attorney reported that a refund had been received from the auditor's for a charge to address questions on the 2015 budget.

Ron Duran reported on animal control activity. He is working on a couple of cat complaints.

City Superintendent reported that they have been tree trimming at the cemetery and throughout town on limbs that they can reach safely. He recommended that Wayne's Tree Service do some trimming. John moved, seconded by Dave H., to hire Wayne's Tree Service for up to 30 hours at \$100.00/hour to trim trees. Carried.

Terry also reported that Josh Hofflinger and Brandon Behymer, employees, had passed their water certification test.

John moved, seconded by Dave H., to designate the State Bank of Downs as the depository for 2015. Carried. Teri and Dave D. abstained.

Dave H. moved, seconded by Teri, to approve 2015 contractor's licenses #15-33, 15-34, 15-35, 15-36, 15-37, and 15-38. Carried.

The CMB license for Myers was tabled. The application was incomplete.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance renewal was received. Action was tabled. Employee wage review was tabled.

Council had reviewed the agreement with Wilson & Co., Inc. John moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the Engineering Agreement with Wilson & Co. for west side sewer improvements and allow the mayor to sign at a cost of \$29,960.00 from the sewer fund. Carried.

At 5:30 p.m., John moved, seconded by Teri, to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the council, mayor, clerk, attorney, and Eric Rose II present to interview non elected personnel for code enforcement. Carried.

At 5:45 p.m., regular session resumed.

At 5:45 p.m., John moved, seconded by Teri, to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the council, mayor, and clerk present to discuss non-elected personnel. Carried.

At 5:57 p.m. regular session resumed.

John moved, seconded by Dave H., to hire Eric Rose II as code enforcement officer for three month probation period at \$8.75 per hour upon his acceptance. Carried.

Vouchers were reviewed and signed. Dave D. moved, seconded by John, to approve the vouchers as presented. Carried.

At 6:10 p.m., Dave D. moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

Jennifer Brush – Mayor

Vickie Oviatt – Clerk