

Regular meeting of the mayor and council was held February 2, 2015, 5:00 p.m., at city hall. Mayor Jennifer Brush presided. Council members present: John Cary, Jerry Knouf, David Hardy, David Draayer. Council member Teri Cordill was absent. Others present: Bruce Berkley, Edgar Reinert, Terry Gradig, LaRhea Cole, Vickie Oviatt, Cathy Shellito, Evan Joy, Ron Duran.

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

John moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve the minutes of the council meeting for January 20, 2015. Carried.

Dave H. entered.

Bruce discussed the foreclosure auction coming up for 413 Blunt. He has drafted a letter to the bank to remind them to mow.

Bruce reported that he had presented accessory building information from the council to the planning commission.

Bruce asked if the council wanted to buy any of the property on the tax sale to clean up and sell. Council agreed for Terry to get a couple of estimates for demolition of properties.

Ron Duran reported that he is trapping cats.

Terry reported that he had emailed Eric Staab an update on the status of the industrial lagoons.

The city crew has been replacing water lines. Terry asked about purchasing more meters. Following discussion, John moved to order 50 water meters at a cost of \$9,400.00 out of the water account. Dave H. seconded the motion. Carried.

Terry reported that he is waiting for additional bids on replacing intersections, sidewalks, and curb/gutter from Jim Keezer.

Terry said that the survey has been completed by Wilson and Co. on the proposed sewer line project.

City Clerk reported that Eric Rose II had stopped by the office to say that the job wouldn't be worth his time. He turned in his badge and files. Mayor Brush will contact Eric.

Mayor Brush commended the fire department in their response to the house fire last week on Grant Street.

Jerry moved, seconded by Dave H., to approve the mayor's appointment of Bruce Berkley to the Housing Authority Board for a four year term, 2/2/15 – 2/1/19. Carried.

Jerry moved to approve a special use permit #15-01 for 2/2/15 to 12/31/15. Dave H. seconded the motion. Carried. Bruce said that some people are using the slow moving vehicle flag on their vehicles, but not getting the permit. He will look into using a sticker tag for the ATV's/Golf Carts.

Mayor Brush reported that she has applied for grant money from the Dane Hansen Foundation, the Sarver fund, and the McFadden fund to assist with the sewer improvement project.

Vouchers and payroll were reviewed. Jerry moved to clarify that the 2015 pay scale for employees was retroactive to January 1, 2015. John seconded the motion. Carried.

City Clerk reminded council that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday.

Dave D. moved, seconded by Jerry, to approve the vouchers and payroll with the correction. Carried.

At 6:02 p.m., John moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss confidential trade secrets of third parties with the mayor, council, attorney, and clerk present. Jerry seconded the motion. Carried.

At 6:21 p.m., regular session resumed.

John moved, seconded by Dave D., to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. Carried. Meeting adjourned.

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Jennifer Brush – Mayor

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Vickie Oviatt – Clerk