

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting

Evangelical Church – Fellowship Hall

March 1, 2021

Councilman Ferguson, in the absence of the Mayor, opened the meeting at 7:00PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others Attending are:

Council: Dan Thomasson, Justin Ferguson, Leonard Woehler, Ken Rockeman.

City Attorney: Jim Lippert

City Staff: Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer; Kris Novotny, Public Works Director

City/County Staff: Alan Ronneberg, Sheriff

Public: Barbara Selk, Linda Brunckhurst, Charli Smith, Joan Hansen, Mike Shirley, Angela Selby, Morgan Scarr

Press: Griffin Hansen

Councilman Ferguson gave the Invocation.

Councilman Woehler moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of 2/16/2021, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Morgan Scarr from Amatics CPA Group was here to give the Fiscal Year 20 Audit Report. The City has not reported a liability for post-employment benefits other than pensions. Morgan recommended that the City have an OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) study done so that the amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and change in net position can be determined in the future. Councilman Thomasson moved to accept the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Audit Report from Amatics, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Sheriff Ronneberg reported that there were 271 complaints, 16 cases were opened and 19 offenses (citations) were given for the month of February. There has been more speed enforcement by the Fort and on Hwy 191 N, near the stock yards as requested by the Council. The department lost a dispatcher unexpectedly around the middle of February. Jill Jackson started as the new dispatcher today. House Bill 102 passed – the 2nd amendment carry law.

Judge Gilbert and Judge Connelly signed a Judges Order that prohibits the carrying of weapons within the courthouse here in Sweet Grass County.

Kris Novotny reported that there have not been any big problems with water or sewer this past month. He is still planning on doing the block on 3rd Ave. but is not sure when they will get started. The vaccination clinics are being held at the Civic Center with the last one being the first part of April. Kris plans to start the project when the clinics are finished.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Woehler moved to un-table the discussion of the overhead garage door at the transfer station, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Councilman Rockeman moved to accept the Berg's Overhead Door Incorporated estimate of the cost of the overhead door at the transfer station, seconded by Councilman Thomasson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council. Kris will contact Berg's Overhead Door to make that order.

Jim Lippert reported that he and Page Dringman were not able to get together since the last meeting but hope to meet toward the end of this week. The last time they met, the committee discussed introducing an ordinance to the Council at large and basically have a moratorium on RV dumps until we can get our fingers wrapped around this and control it. They are still trying to find a policy to deal with RV dumps. As far as the West End is concerned, an email has been sent to Lariat's attorney asking what terms they would consider in transferring ownership to the City. No response has been received as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joan Hansen from the Tree Board asked the Council to consider Brian Mosness and Kelli Brewer as new members of the City Tree Board and to approve the MUCFA application to be sent in with the \$100 fee. Councilman Rockeman moved to accept both applications of Kelli Brewer and Brian Mosness to the City of Big Timber Tree Board, seconded by Councilman Ferguson. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council. Councilman Thomasson moved to allow the Tree Board to apply for MUCFA membership, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Rockeman moved to approve the claims with the correction of the claim to Great West Engineering, payroll and overtime for February, seconded by Councilman Woehler. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Councilman Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM, seconded by Councilman Rockeman. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Council.

Justin Ferguson, City Councilman

ATTEST:

Nadine Stosich, Clerk/Treasurer