

CITY OF EVART  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7 :00 P.M.

Present: Carlson, Keysor, Schmidt, Sherman and Walter.

Guests: Buck Vallad, Patrick Muczynski, Melora Theuncik, and Jim White, City Attorney.

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to amend the agenda as follows:

1. Sewer Credit for 725 N. Oak.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Keysor, supported by Walter to approve the minutes of March 18, 2013.

Passed unanimously

LDFA:

Melora Theunick reported the egg drop was successful. The parking for the event needs to be addressed.

BUDGET:

The City Manager reported that the DPW Superintendent met with his Committee to discuss Capital Improvemnts.

The Revenues in the General Fund has been reduced from \$580,000 to \$566,000.

Vehicles for the Fire and Police Department was taken out of the Budget.

The Water and Sewer Funds are looking good.

Mr. Szakacs recommends adopting the Budget May 6, 2013. The Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. on May 6, 2013 before the regular Council Meeting.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Carlson to adopt Resolution No. 4-2013 to change the Date of Regular City Elections as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Carlson, Keysor, Schmidt, Sherman and Walter.

Nay: None.

Attorney White is reviewing the Tucker Contract to place an antenna on the West Water Tower. Mr. White commented that he has issues with the requirements of the Contract. The city Manager commented that he wishes to be able to change the rental fee. Attorney White wants to meet with Tucker, the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Tax Abatement will be on the April 15<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Moved by Sherman, supported by Keysor to authorize that the City Manager to sign the new Standard Lighting Contract with Consumer Energy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Keysor, Schmidt, Sherman, Walter and Carlson.

Nay: None

Mr. Szakacs ask Council to review the goals for 2012-2013 that he presented them in their packets. He ask them to make a list of their top ten goals and turn them in to him by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

He reported that Gary Neeley, City Intern is preparing a Land Lord Tenant Ordinance.

Council discussed the Contracts for the City Attorney and City Assessor.

Mr. White ask for an extended three year Contract at the same compensation he currently receives. The Assessor has requested a two year Contract with the current compensation for 2013-2014 and an increase in pay for second year, 2014-2015.

Moved by Schmidt, supported by Carlson to approve the three year extended Contract for Attorney White at the same compensation he currently receives.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schmidt and Carlson

Nays: Sherman, Keysor and Walter

Moved by Sherman, supported by Keysor requesting further information on the City Attorney's Contract and Council will take action at the next Council Meeting.

Sherman rescinded his motion. Keysor rescinded his support.

Moved by Sherman, supported by Keysor to extend Attorney Jim White's Contract for three years at the same compensation as he currently receives.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sherman, Carlson, Keysor and Schmidt.

Nay: Walter

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman to extend the Assessor's Contract for two years.

Keysor rescinded his motion. Sherman rescinded his support.

Council requested the Assessor's Contract be put out for bids.

The Marijuana Ordinance has been accepted by the Planning Commission. A Public Hearing will held on May 6th at 7:00 P.M. before the Regular Council Meeting.

Moved by Sherman, supported by Carlson to give permission to the Evert Chamber of Commerce to hold a Memorial Day Flea Market at the Airport on May 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> and to close Industrial Drive for the event.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman to approve the Zoning Fee Schedule as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to approve a sewer credit of \$382.08 for 725 N. Oak Street.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Sherman, supported by Carlson to approve the vendor's list (\$34,326.33), payroll (\$25,422.33) and manual check list (\$435.72).

Passed unanimously

#### CITY MANAGER REPORT:

Agri Valley would like to begin construction on the North Water Tower on April 1, 2013. Thumb Radio will be the Contractor doing the installation.

Liberty Dairy owes for 12 months of sewer usage upon notification by the company discontinuing their Service. They have paid for January and February but owe for the remaining eight months, a total of \$142,579.40. Mr. Szakacs is concerned about ammonia in their lines.

#### POLICE REPORT:

Chief Backing brought back information from her conference regarding merging Public Safety. She will discuss it at the next Council Meeting.

#### DPW REPORT:

The Department has replaced one meter at Ventra.

Agri Valley has received their permits to do their construction, placing an antenna on the North Water Tower.

The dumpster will still be at the DPW this summer for the citizens in the City of Evert to dump their extra rubbish from spring cleaning, etc.

The cost of maintenance to have the truck repaired is \$4800.00.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT:**

Mr. White has been working on Employee Contracts and the Marijuana Ordinance. He is working with the townships on County Planning, working on hook ups to Water and Sewer, reviewing the Tucker Contract, and assisting the Police Department with legal Issues

Moved by Sherman, supported by Walter to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Passed unanimously