

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

May 20, 2013

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

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

Guests: Buck Vallad, Sarah Bigelow, Chief Backing, Mark Wilson, Dale Johnson and Mike Tracey.

Comments: Mike Tracey, a surrogate representative for the American Water Works Association reported to Council that the City of Evert won first place in the water tasting Contest for having the best testing water. The contest was held in Mt. Pleasant. The International Competition will be held in September.

Mike Tracey of Northern Pump and Well Services submitted his report on the well and pump maintenance tests to Council for their review.

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

1. Dave Johnson of Fleis & Vanderbrink Engineering.
2. Hemlock Street Closure.

Passed unanimously

Dave Johnson, Engineer for Fleis & Vanderbrink would like the opportunity to work for the City, by applying for a grant for a Waste Management Plan. This is a 90% grant and the City's portion will be 10%. The City's cost will be approximately \$5000 to \$10,000 and is on a first come, first serve basis.

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to move forward with the Waste Management Plan Grant.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Carlson to approve the Minutes of May 6, 2013.

Passed unanimously

DDA

The City Manager reported that Al Weinberg, DDA Director would like the City to purchase Lots 478 and 480 that are up for foreclosure. The DDA will then purchase the lots from the City.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Walter ask Council if they would prefer just the Fire Department Minutes or the full report containing, minutes, Treasurer report, payment of bills and the Fire Chief report. Council would prefer the detailed report.

CEMETERY

Keysor reported the Cemetery Committee has moved forward with a sign for the Joseph Guyton grave site. He thanked the DPW Superintendent and Sexton for choosing the location for the sign and the Recreation Director for obtaining the funds to pay for the sign from the VFW Post 7979 and AMVETS THOMAS E. SMITH POST 11.

The City Manager and City Attorney is discussing rental fees with Tucker Communications for the West Tower.

Zack would like more information on tax abatements before writing a policy.

Mr. Szakaacs would like Council to turn their list of goals for 2013-2014 in to him by June 6, 2013.

Moved by Schmidt, supported by Keysor to take \$7,082.57 from line item 101-000-001.312 to purchase Lots 478 and 480.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Sherman, supported by Keysor to extend the Assessor's Contract with Cushman Appraisals for one year, at a cost of \$9000.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sherman, Schmidt, Carlson and Keysor.

Nay: Walter.

Absent: None

The Janitorial Contract was tabled. Council requested that the City Manager bring back more information.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman that an employee may, on an annual basis, request cash payment in lieu of a maximum 80 hours of accumulated vacation leave. Requests for cash payment must be received not less than two weeks prior to the anniversary date of the individual making the request. All such cash payment in lieu of vacation leave shall be paid to the individual making the request in the first regular paycheck following the individuals anniversary date.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schmidt, Carlson, Keysor and Sherman.

Nay: Walter

Absent: None

Moved by Keysor, supported by Walter to approve the vendor's list (\$100,447.68).
payroll (\$25,637.17) and manual check list (\$277.31).

Passed unanimously

CITY MANAGER REPORT;

The following information was given to Council Members:

1. A letter from the Michigan State Public Housing Office regarding vacancies at the Housing Project.
2. Project status report on snow removal equipment at the airport.
3. MDOT ACT 106 regarding licensing regulation, control and prohibition of outdoor advertising adjacent to certain roads and highways.

EVART POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Backing reported the Department has a summer intern for 10 weeks.

DPW DEPARTMENT:

1. Buck would like to schedule a water and sewer meeting.
2. Three of his employees will be taking the wastewater exam.
3. Mike Tracey of Northern Pump & Well, recommended the well remain at the same Capacity as we have now.

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to approve the following budget amendments:

Amend the budget adding \$1,128.50 to line item 590-546-000-930.

Amend the budget adding \$4,558.55 to line item 590-546-000-930.

Amend the budget adding \$1,165.00 to line item 661-559-000-930

Amend the budget decreasing \$1,165.00 from line item 591-675-396-000.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Sherman, supported by Schmidt to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

Passed unanimously