

CITY OF EVART  
REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Schmidt.

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

Guests: Patrick Muczynski, Ryan Douglas, Miranda Lorenz, Buck Vallad, Melora Theunick, Sarah Neubecker, Al Weinberg and James White, City Attorney.

Mayor Schmidt declared the Public Hearing open at 7:01 P.M.

Mayor Schmidt announced the Hearing was being held to hear any comments or input from the Public regarding the Resolution to change the date of Regular City Elections from odd years to even years in November.

The Mayor then ask the audience if they had any questions or comments. There being none, he declared the Hearing closed at 7:03 P.M.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Sherman to amend the agenda with the following item:

1. Check Signers.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Keysor to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013.

Passed unanimously

#### LDFA

Melora Theunick reported the LDFA and DDA is looking at obtaining tax abatements to induce new business to come to the Area.

The Commission has formed a Citizen's Committee to educate citizens regarding the City forming their own electric power utility.

Melora commented, the Principal at Evart High School is very impressed with the Generation E Program and would like to make this program a "Stand Alone Class". This program is to educate students on how to start their own business. She stated they need more teachers to be certified as mentors.

The film makers have finished making their film about Evart Slavery. There is a possibility of a screening being held at the School this summer.

#### DDA

Al Weinberg reported their monthly meetings have been changed to the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 A.M.

The finishing touches have been completed at the DDA building.

The Musicale and Shop Local Program will be held again this summer.

Attorney White reported the Western Land Services has new management and he has not met with them as yet.

The Police Committee will meet Thursday, January 24, 2013 for negotiations of the Police contract.

City Manager Zakcas reported Agri Valley has been at the north tower getting ready to install an antenna.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Carlson to approve the Resolution to change the date of the Regular City Election from odd years to even years in November. (Copy Attached).

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Moved by Keysor, supported by Carlson to approve the Performance Resolution for Government required by the Michigan Department of Transportation authorizing the following to apply for permits: Chief of Police, Administrative Assistant and D.P.W. Director.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Moved by Sherman, supported by Carlson to approve the Evert Fire Department Budget for 2013-2014, totaling \$137,999.03. The City of Evert's portion is \$30,359.79.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Sherman, supported by Carlson to delete Kelly Marsh as a City check signer and add Barbara Nostrand and Sarah Bigelow, Casey Keysor and Martha Ann Pattee.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Moved by Keysor, supported by Carlson to approve the vendor's list (\$64,445.36), payroll (\$29,550.00) and manual check list (\$45,312.31).

Passed unanimously

Moved by Carlson, supported by Sherman to approve Zack Szakacs purchasing a glock .40 for \$349.00 and ruger .380 caliber for \$1.00. from the city.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

#### CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager reminded Council that the LDFA Community Meeting will be held January 23, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

#### POLICE REPORT

Chief Backing reported Officer Juday has finished his training (riding with another Officer for a period of time) and will be patrolling on his own.

Members of Crime Watch are acting as Guards at the Elementary School.

#### D.P.W. REPORT

Buck Vallad commented, the water and sewer committee is working on revising the sewer ordinance and composing new permits.

He is contacting Consumers to see if he can install electric meters in well #5 and well #7.

Buck also commented, there is no need for aerators in the winter time, so he will pull them out of the sewer ponds next winter.

#### PARK AND RECREATION

Mark Wilson has applied for a small grant to clean the river and streams. He will attend a passport grant meeting in February.

#### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

1. Attorney White has drafted an amendment of the proposed contract with Agri-Valley.
2. He has been doing research regarding the Police Contract.
3. Reviewed the mineral lease with Western Land Services.
4. Is researching annexation issues.

Moved by Keysor, supported by Walter to adjourn at 7:30 P.M.

Passed unanimously