

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 7, 2013

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

Present: Carlson, Schmidt, Sherman and Walter.

Absent: Keysor

Guests: Shane Helmer, Paul Brown, Ryan Douglas, Steven Roberts, Melora Theunick Sara Bigelow and Jim White, City Attorney.

Comments: A citizen suggested Council do a thorough review of the wording in the oil lease contract with Western Land Services.

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

1. Shane Helmer-Antenna on the West Tower.

Passed unanimously

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to approve the minutes of December 17, 2013.

Passed unanimously

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Melora Theunick reported a film crew is filming a documentary film at the terminal.

Attorney White has been unable to touch base with Western Land Oil Services. He wishes to discuss the oil lease contract with them.

The Police Meeting will be held at Jim White's Office to discuss the following changes in the Police contract.

1. Escalating Pay Scale.
2. Negotiating Retirement.

Agri-Valley has decided they would like to use the North Tower on High Street. Attorney White has reviewed the contract and sent his comments to Agri. He is waiting to hear from them.

Shane Helmer requested permission for the Fire Department to put an antenna on the West Tower to use for public safety as an emergency tower.

Discussion was held regarding the Fire Department paying for the service. The City Manager recommended that since it is a public service, they should not be charged a fee as long as it does not interfere with utility or Agri's service.

Moved by Sherman, supported by Walter to give the Evert Fire Department permission to

put an antenna on the West Tower for public safety use and there will be no fee as long as the antenna does not interfere with Utility or Agri Valley Services.

Passed unanimously

Discussion was held regarding sewer, water rate increases. DPW Superintendent Vallad suggested setting a policy to automatically increase the rates for sewer and water, so the city doesn't have to request one each year.

Council suggested tabling this issue and moving it to the water and sewer committee for their input. It will be moved to old business on the agenda.

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to approve the vendor's list (\$64,445.36), Payroll (\$25,863.39) and manual list (\$199,735.93).

Passed unanimously

CITY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1. In 2013 smaller and commercial businesses will be exempt from paying personal property taxes. In 2016 personal property taxes on larger industrial taxpayers will be phased out over a 7yr. period. Any new equipment purchased by a manufacturer in 2012 or later will be exempt.
2. Dean's Dairy would like a refund on their contract. The issue has been turned over to Varnum & Riddering Law Firm.
3. Mr Szakacs would like council to sign a contract allowing him to purchase his two pistols, a ruger .380 caliber (7yrs. old) and a glock .40.
4. The snowshoe program was great success.

Moved by Walter, supported by Sherman to adjourn at 7:23 P.M.

Passed unanimously