

City Of Green Isle
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 (7 PM)
City Office Council Chambers

Call the City Council meeting to order Vice Mayor Wentzlaff called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Pledge Of Allegiance

Council Members present Mayor Kreger, Brown, Harms, Schauer, Wentzlaff

Others present Donna Wolter, Don Wolter, Rose Thies (Green Isle Lions), Jean Kreger (resident), Kurt Menk (Arlington Enterprise), John Mueller (Belle Plaine Herald)

Public comment period Rose Thies informed the Council that the Lions would like to establish a legacy project to honor the veterans. She indicated that they would like to have a flag display and a plaque and to have it complete by August of this year. The Lions preference is to have it on Hwy. 5 on the lot across from the convenience store. There was some concern regarding the gas tanks that were underground on that lot in the past. Arneson indicated that, that is no longer an issue. Harms asked how large of an area that the Lions are looking for. Mayor Kreger stated that the City needs to know approximately how much land is required. Kreger said that he would find out the dimensions of the lot. After much discussion it was decided to again have this issue on the Agenda at the meeting of January 24, 2017 for further discussion.

Swearing in of new Mayor (Joe Kreger) City Attorney Arneson swore in Joe Kreger the new Green Isle Mayor.

Swearing in of new Council person (Diane Brown) Mayor Kreger swore in new Council Member (Diane Brown).

Approval of the Agenda Schauer, Wentzlaff, Harms, & Panning asked to be added to the Agenda.

Motion made by Wentzlaff & seconded by Schauer to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- A) **Approval of the minutes from the December 27, 2016 meeting**
- B) **Approval of the claims for January 10, 2017 totalling \$55,462.04**

Motion made by Wentzlaff & seconded by Brown to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.

City Attorney Arneson Arneson informed the Council that he has prepared the agreement between Fahey and the City for the leasing of the Industrial Park for the auctions that Fahey will hold in 2017. He said that Fahey has them and will sign and return to Arneson. Fahey has requested that he can hold 4 auctions with the option to hold 2 more if needed. The pricing will remain the same as in 2016.

Arneson also discussed the steps needed to establish a revolving loan fund to be used by the EDA/City to assist City businesses for expansion, etc. or a new business start up. The steps would be-

- 1) The EDA would put together a loan policy with the help of a consultant. The EDA would then recommend the loan policy to the Council
- 2) The Council would officially adopt the loan policy.
- 3) The Council would explore ways of funding the revolving loan account, ideally by a state grant.
- 4) We would then develop a loan application procedure and forms.

Arneson also discussed the role of the Council members. He said that the main duty of a Council member is to attend City Council meetings and participate as a group in setting the policies of the City. He also talked about the open meeting law. He said that whenever 3 or more Council members (quorum) meet that is considered a meeting. He also said that Council members cannot car pool if 3 or more are in the same vehicle.

Green Isle Lions liquor license, Feb. 4th at the school

Motion made by Harms & seconded by Brown to approve the license. Motion carried 5/0.

Approval of the 2017 meeting schedule

Motion made by Brown & seconded by Schauer to approve the meeting schedule for 2017. Motion carried 5/0.

Resolution 2017-01 Fee schedule

Motion made by Wentzlaff & seconded by Harms to approve Resolution 2017-01. Motion carried 5/0.

Resolution 2017-02 Annual appointments

Mayor Kreger nominated Wentzlaff to serve as the Vice Mayor. No other nominations were made. A vote was taken and passed 4/0 with Wentzlaff abstaining. Motion carried 4/0

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Wentzlaff to approve Resolution 2017-02. Motion carried 5/0.

2017 water rate increase Clerk Panning stated that this increase was approved by the City Council in 2013. At that time the Council approved increasing the water rates through 2018. He said that this is for information only and no action needs to be taken.

Resolution 2017-03—assessing of unpaid utility bills to property owners property taxes.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution 2017-03 and to strictly enforce City Ordinance 2007-02. Motion carried 5/0.

Community School invoices Panning explained that the school turned in invoices for \$14,460.62 which leaves a balance of \$14,460.40 to be paid by the City to equal the \$50,000.00 that was approved by the Council.

Other matters—Harms advised the Council that the speed sign was rec'd. by the County but was returned because it was a yellow color and must be white.

Harms also asked if Mueller & Sons was coming to town to plow. Wentzlaff advised that he was contacted by Mueller and Sons and he told them to wait til morning.

Wentzlaff said that the property at 220 Cleveland has many, many tires stored in his yard. Arneson said that this may well be in violation of our nuisance ordinance. Panning will write a letter and have Sibley County Sheriff Dept. serve it.

Clerk Panning advised the Council that Brandy Barrett from the School advised him that their enrollment is now at 67 students not counting the 14 pre-schoolers. Panning also said that the bussing is going well and the driver now has all the credentials required.

Schauer asked if the Xmas lights will be removed soon. Harms said that Hecksel is waiting for the tractor to be repaired. Panning said that the tractor has been repaired and he will advise Hecksel. Panning said he would contact Hecksel tomorrow to get it taken care of.

Hiring of City maintenance person—ad to read. Brown asked if we have a job description. Panning indicated that he has not seen one. Arneson will check to see if he has one on file. Wentzlaff said that the City was helped a great deal by Hoppy and Dave Ott assisting the City in the mowing of the lawn. Brown gave a listing of the duties that she sees as things that Dacey did in the past. After much discussion Panning was told to prepare an ad and run it by Mayor Kreger to be run in the Arlington paper.

Motion made by Harms and seconded by Wentzlaff to adjourn at 8:50 pm.
Motion carried 5/0.

ATTEST

Mayor Kreger

Clerk Panning