

**City Of Green Isle  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (7 PM)  
City Office Council Chambers**

- 1) **Call the meeting to order** Mayor Kreger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Council members present** Mayor Joe Kreger, John Schauer, Mark Wentzlaff, Shawn Harms
- 4) **Council members absent** Diane Brown
- 5) **Staff present** City clerk Panning
- 6) **Others present** Lelia Leonhardt (AEM Financial), Mike Burkhardt (Burkhardt & Burkhardt), Jane Qualey (MN Community Solar), John Mueller (Belle Plaine Herald), Kurt Menk (Arlington Enterprise)
- 7) **Public comment period** None
- 8) **Approval of the Agenda** Panning, Harms, Schauer asked to be added to the Agenda  
**Motion made by Harms & seconded by Wentzlaff to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried 4/0.**
  
- 9) **Approval of the Consent Agenda**
  - A) **Approval of the minutes from the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting**
  - B) **Approval of the claims for February 28, 2017 totalling \$30, 412.97 by Wentzlaff and seconded by Schauer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 4/0.**
  
- 10) **Burkhardt & Burkhardt (2016 Audit)** Mike Burkhardt of Burkhardt & Burkhardt met with the Council to go over the audited financial statements. He explained the audit opinion, which was a clean opinion. He pointed out the cash balances for the governmental funds. He then addressed the receipts and expenses of the funds. He pointed out the difference between the 2016 amounts and the 2015 amounts. He pointed out the cash balance for 3 enterprise funds. He then addressed the receipts and expenses of these funds. He pointed out the difference between the 2016 amounts and compared to the 2015 amounts. He next addressed the results of receipts and expenses for the year when compared to the adopted budget. He

ended his presentation explaining the steps his firm performed in the area of compliance with legal statutes. Again a clean opinion was issued for this area.

- 11) Lelia (AEM Financial)** Mayor Kreger asked Lelia why the City must pay the state an amount of unemployment insurance when people such as Jason Mackenthun and Michael Piotter collect unemployment. Lelia said that she checked with the state and we do have to pay a portion although the City didn't layoff either of the two.

Lelia also brought up the fact that the School is not making the full monthly payments and currently are \$220,000.00 behind on the payments from day 1 that the City has paid. Mayor Kreger said that he will utilize City Attorney Arneson to schedule a meeting between all parties to see what the schools plan is to catch up.

Harms asked Lelia what was budgeted for the streets for 2017. Lelia said that the total is \$17,292.00.

Lelia asked if Attorney Arneson has contacted Beckman and Feldman regarding the interest payments not made on the lots they purchased from the City. She said the amount of interest not paid in 2016 was \$7,854.00. She also said they are behind 1 payment in 2017 totalling \$3927.00 which means that in total they are behind \$11,781.00 on interest alone.

**Jane Qualey (solar garden)** Jane said that EXCEL must have 5% of their total output supplied by solar. Jane said that XCEL would continue to invoice the City at a reduced rate and then the City would also pay Minnesota Community Solar a subscription fee. Harms asked Jane what the down side is? Jane said that the 25 year contract is a negative. After much discussion it was agreed that Jane would send the City a contract and the City would then have City Attorney Arneson review it and make a recommendation to the Council. Mayor Kreger said that we are not quite ready to jump on board until the contract is received and reviewed by our City Attorney.

**Update on new hire** Mayor Kreger said that he and Wentzlaff interviewed all the applicants. Kreger and Wentzlaff agreed that Kirby Kroells was their choice. Kreger stated that it was made clear to all that the summer hours would be anywhere from 24 to 40 hrs. and that the winter hours may be

considerably less. After some discussion it was agreed to offer Kroells the job starting at \$12.50 with a 30 day review. The starting day would be April 1. Mayor Kreger will contact Kirby Kroells and offer him the job.

**Motion made by Harms and seconded by Schauer to offer Kirby Kroells the position. Motion carried 4/0.**

**Water refunds to 2 residents** Clerk Panning advised the Council that 2 residents in town had their water/sewer billing set up improperly. In both cases the water was set up having a sewer base charge. Currently the water base is \$10.00 every 2 months and the sewer base is \$55.22 every 2 months. Consequently they over paid \$640.00 and \$1510.00 respectively. In one case this went back to 2009. Panning suggested that the City issue checks to the individuals to correct this error.

**Motion made by Kreger and seconded by Wentzlaff to issue the checks. Motion carried 4/0.**

**Other matters** Clerk Panning discussed Resolution 2017-06 which is a resolution stating that the Fire Departments unspent funds for 2016 (\$11,936.67) be transferred from the 102 account to the 103, new equipment fund.

**Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Harms to approve Resolution 2017-06. Motion carried 4/0.**

Harms said that the road (Church Street) from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to 180<sup>th</sup> is in need of repair. The Council agreed to look at this again after the frost is out this spring.

Harms also asked if the resident at 220 Cleveland has a plan to remove the old tires from his property. Panning advised that he has been in contact with the resident and that he removed several tires and is planning to remove the balance soon.

Harms also brought up that the garbage/junk in the woods by the ball Park has yet to be removed. Mayor Kreger said that the cement blocks and other stuff will be cleaned up this spring.

Schauer said that the pump at the Lions Park appears to be working at this time. Panning said that a red light was on and that Fahey came to the site and found that the float ball was sticking. He made the repair.

Schauer also said that the alley between Cleveland Ave and McGrann Street is in poor condition. Part of the problem is that Waste Management picks up many of the homes garbage by driving through the alley. Panning said that as it warms up some that he will contact Wm Mueller to look at the area on Church Street that needs repair and also the alley to get quotes.

Mayor Kreger said that a portion of Lake Erin Drive has to be striped for angled parking prior to the baseball tournament. He said that the street up to the walking path needs to be done. Panning said that he will also ask Wm Mueller to give a quote on that.

Kreger also stated that Rick Fries has been advised that he requires a demo permit prior to removing the building.

Wentzlaff asked if the City is still planning to sell the sweeper at Fahey's April auction. Kreger said that he has not yet but will contact Fahey regarding this.

Wentzlaff suggested that Clerk Panning be given a review. Kreger said that someone else besides he and Wentzlaff should do Panning's review maybe prior to a meeting in April to be discussed then in a future meeting.

**Motion made by Schauer and seconded by Harms to adjourn at 8:45 pm.**

**Motion carried 4/0.**

**Attest**

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**Mayor Kreger**

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**City Clerk Panning**