

**City Of Green Isle
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 13, 2017
City Office Council Chambers**

- 1) **Call the City Council Meeting to order** Mayor Kreger called the meeting to order at 7 pm
- 2) **Pledge Of Allegiance**
- 3) **Council members present** Mayor Kreger, Wentzlaff, Harms, Brown, Schauer
- 4) **Staff present** City Clerk Panning
- 5) **Others present** Kurt Menk (Arlington Enterprise), Roxy Traxler, Amy Neusom, Siena Fedder (Sibley County)
- 6) **Approval of the Agenda** Wentzlaff, Brown, Kreger asked to be added to the Agenda.

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

- 7) **Approval of the Consent Agenda**
 - A) **Approval of the minutes from the 5-23-17 meeting**
 - B) **Approval of the claims for 6-13, 2017 totalling \$34,066.80**

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

- 8) **City Attorney Arneson** Attorney Arneson stated that he found out that Church Street is in fact Church Street and not Church Ave as mentioned by a resident a couple meetings ago.

Arneson also said that once he gets a copy of the residents in town in violation of certain ordinances that he will again prepare and send letters to those people. They then will have a time period to comply or possibly end up in court. He also said that as they do comply that he should be notified so he can remove them from the list.

Ross also stated that he did some checking and found that the CornerStone bank holds the entire bond for the school which makes refinancing somewhat easier. Ross will discuss with Sue Vos of the bank being as the bank is having a meeting in the next day or two. Mr. Arneson asked for the Council's ok to proceed. He was given full approval by the Council.

Ross also said that he is pursuing the solar proposal and is to discuss with XCEL to get their feelings. Ross thought he would have all the necessary information by the next meeting so that the Council can possibly make a decision on this matter.

Mayor Kreger said that he had a call from Norn Beckman saying that he would be coming to town to straighten out the mowing of the lots that he owns. Mr. Beckman was fine with Mark Bates mowing the lots and said the City should invoice him for the mowing that the City must do around the utilities, etc. being that Bates's equipment will not allow him to do that.

Roxy Traxler—SMIF Grant County Administrator Traxler said that the County will use SMIF grant funds to cover part of the salary for Amy Newsom. The grant will cover 2 hrs. per week at a cost of \$40 per hour of the contracted 4 hours per week for her time. The cost to the City of Green Isle will then be \$2,080.00 for the balance of the year.

Amy Newsom—TIF & Tax Abatement policies Amy said that she will apply for another grant (Rev Rural Venture). She will need a letter of commitment from the City and 2 Council members to be on the committee. Mayor Kreger and Brown said they would be on the committee. Resolution 2017-08 approves the Tax Abatement policy and Resolution 2017-09 approves the Tax Increment Financing policy.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Schauer to approve Resolution 2017-08. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion made by Harms and seconded by Brown to approve Resolution 2017-09. Motion carried 5/0.

Amy also suggested that the City have a Planning and Zoning committee. She suggested that the EDA could be reduced to 5 people and 3 to be on the Planning and Zoning Committee. Attorney Arneson said that it is common for a City to have the Council members or some of them as the Planning/Zoning committee. After some discussion Arneson will draw up a rough draft for the Ordinance addressing the Planning/Zoning committee to include 2 citizens and 1 Council member to be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mayor Kreger said that Scott Beebe has resigned from the EDA Board.

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Wentzlaff to accept Beebe's resignation. Motion carried 5/0.

Amy said that she would like a policy on how to sell lots in town (price, number of employees, etc.). She would like to have some direction on what to discuss with the EDA. After much discussion Amy will prepare a policy and have the EDA review it and then bring it back to the Council.

Other matters—Mayor Kreger said that after many complaints that he contacted RS Fiber regarding the lines that are still above ground being that they were installed when the ground was frozen. He was told that they would have a crew in town on Wednesday the 14th to begin the digging in of lines.

Wentzlaff asked what needs to be done on the Fruedenthal property to get the ball rolling. After some discussion Panning was instructed to get the lot/lots surveyed.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Brown to have the property surveyed. Motion carried 5/0.

Brown said that she talked to Michael Piotter suggesting that Amy takes over the EDA on the City website. Piotter agreed to that.

Brown also would like the City website updated showing who owns vacant lots, etc. Panning has a sheet supplied by Brown to be updated and given to Piotter to make the changes.

Brown said that she has a list of residents requiring cleanup and would like the Council to review prior to being given to Arneson.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Harms to adjourn at 8:10 pm.
Motion carried 5/0.

ATTEST

Mayor Kreger

City Clerk Panning