

City Of Green Isle
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
City Office Council Chambers

- 1) **Call the Council meeting to order** Mayor Kreger called the meeting to order at 7 pm

- 2) **Pledge Of Allegiance**

- 3) **Council members present** Mayor Kreger, Brown, Harms, Schauer, Wentzlaff

- 4) **Staff present** City Clerk Panning

- 5) **Others present** Green Isle resident Shawn Lindquist, Roxi Traxler with Sibley County

- 6) **Public comment period** Shawn Lindquist was present seeking information on the restrictions if he purchased a lot next to his property and wanted to construct a shed on that lot. Mayor Kreger said that the zoning ordinance does not allow a shed by itself but a variance could be granted by the City Council. Harms stated that a letter would be sent to all surrounding properties and a public hearing would be held. Lindquist asked if a shed could not be built could he still purchase the lot. He was told that he could do that. Mayor Kreger said that he would contact Attorney Arneson to see what all is involved in a variance and that the City would contact Lindquist after that information is available.

Roxi Traxler asked for comments from the Council as to how they felt Amy Newsom was performing for the City and also presented an invoice to the City for \$1,360.00 which covers the work performed by Amy from March 1 through June 30. Mayor Kreger said that Amy has been very helpful in many ways. Council member Brown said that Amy is helping keep the City Web site

updated. Wentzlaff indicated that Amy has been very helpful preparing the information for the EDA meetings.

7) Approval of the Agenda Harms and Kreger asked to be added to the Agenda.

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

8) Approval of the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of the minutes from the July 11, 2017 meeting

B) Approval of the claims for 7-25-17 totalling \$36,656.35

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

9) Zac Doud—AEM Financial—preliminary 2017 budget discussion—2nd Qtr.

Zac Doud went through the 2nd quarter financial report. He indicated that overall the City is in a good financial condition at this time. Mayor Kreger said that once the refinance of the school bond is redone that, that will further improve the financial condition of the City. Zac also handed out a Budget Calendar for Budget Year 2018. It was agreed that the preliminary budget meeting would be held after the regular scheduled meeting on August 8 at 8 PM.

10) City employee Kerby Kroells Mayor Kreger said that the Ferris mower is down for repairs. Kerby said that he will not mow the hill at the Lions Park with the other mower. Kerby said that Lano threw out an approximate repair cost of \$1,000.00. Kerby was asked to get a quote from Lano. Kreger asked Kerby if he had time to do some of the curb repair. Kerby said that he has not but is planning to begin soon. Mayor Kreger asked for suggestions from the Council on a raise. Brown suggested \$1.00 per hour. Kerby said he wants \$15.00. Brown then offered \$1.50 an hour

increase. Kerby said if he didn't get \$14.00 per hour he was done. Wentzlaff said that we should table the discussion for now. Kerby said at this point he said his piece and would like to leave and let the Council discuss. After much discussion—

Motion made by Brown and seconded by Schauer to increase Kerby's pay to \$14.00 per hour and to have Mayor Kreger discuss with Kerby his attitude.
Motion carried 5/0.

- 11) **Memorial Park update** Brown said that the Park will be called the Green Isle Area Veterans Park. She also said that the actual construction would begin on July 28. Council Member Brown also said that Mary and Ron Ott have donated a Firemens flag to the Park.
- 12) **Vandalism at the Lions Park** Panning said that he is waiting for a quote from Vos Construction to replace the siding. Once the quote is received he will then advise the Sibley County Sheriff Department of the cost so they can determine the actual charges to be filed against the young ladies. Panning advised that the City has a \$250.00 deductible which may end up being paid or worked off by these girls.
- 13) **Nusiance properties** Panning said that nothing has happened since Arneson sent out letters to the property owners. Brown said that she did a tour of the properties involved and of the 25 properties that she feels 15 are now in compliance. Brown will send each Council Member a copy of the list and asked that they all do a tour/review also.
- 14) **School Bond Refinance** Mayor Kreger said that at this time there is nothing new to report.

Other matters—Mayor Kreger said that he has talked to Melsha and Mathews and Mathews agreed to remove the dirt pile from the Industrial Park.

Kreger also said that he followed up on a comment that was made at a past meeting that OEM must put up another building on their property based on the

original purchase agreement. Mayor Kreger said that this is not correct information after a discussion with City Attorney Arneson.

Harms said that the Fire Dept. rec'd. a \$750.00 grant in gear from the Glencoe Hospital Foundation. He also said they rec'd. a \$1,100.00 50-50 matching grant from the DNR to be used for new radio equipment.

Motion made by Harms and seconded by Brown to adjourn at 8:30 pm.
Motion carried 5/0.

ATTEST

Mayor Kreger

City Clerk Panning