

**City Of Green Isle
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 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, Harms, Brown, Wentzlaff and Schauer
- 4) **Staff present** Clerk Panning
- 5) **Others present** Scott Vos (EDA), Zac Doud (AEM), Kurt Menk (Arlington Enterprise)
- 6) **Public comment period** none
- 7) **Approval of the Agenda** Council Member Brown 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.
- 8) **Approval of the Consent Agenda**
 - A) **Approval of the minutes from the August 22, 2017 meeting**
 - B) **Approval of the claims for September 12, 2017 totalling \$17,905.93****Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Schauer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0**

9) **2018 Preliminary budget—Zac Doud (AEM)** Zac went through the Green Isle preliminary tax levy in detail. After some discussion the Council agreed to the following.

The preliminary 2017 tax levy for collection in 2018 will increase from \$551,681 to \$579,286. This reflects an approximate 5% increase. A public hearing will be held on 12-12-17 where the public can share their feelings.

A motion was made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Harms to approve the tax levy. Motion carried 5/0.

10) **Amy Newsom**—Amy advised that if Green Isle wants her services in 2018 there will be a 3% increase. Amy also advised the Council that the USDA grant for \$10,000 did go through. The City agreed to contribute \$5,100 also. This amount will be loaned to the JIT Classic Glass Company. She also stated that a separate account will have to be set up for the EDA dollars. Harms said that if all the dollars are loaned to JIT that there will be none available for any other loan requests. Amy said that JIT is planning on repaying the loan in 6 months or so. The Green Isle EDA Revolving Loan Fund Applicant Package was also discussed.

Motion made by Harms and seconded by Brown to approve the EDA Loan Package. Motion carried 5/0.

11) Amy said that Timberline Wood products had a list of items/requests needed prior to them signing a purchase agreement.—the list is as follows
1) 2 entrances to the property 2) be able to subdivide the property for a mini-storage in the future, 3) purchase the lot for \$1.00, 4) eliminate auction traffic, discontinue the Fahey auctions, 5) City to waive the assessments of \$2,058.00 6) City pay for the water for 1 year. 6) Timberline can back out of agreement if both City and County tax abatements are not granted. Wentzlaff also asked if the annual tractor pull could still be held. Amy will discuss that with Timberline.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Brown to approve the requests with the exception of the free water. Motion passed 5/0.

- 12) **City Attorney Arneson** Attorney Arneson stated that all entities regarding the School Bond restructure are now on the same page and AEM will contact the Bond Company to proceed.

Arneson also said that the Sheriff's Dept has issued some citations and also has taken pictures of the properties cited.

Kreger also brought up a fence request in the back yard of a property to enclose his dog houses. Panning stated that he gave them the ok to construct the fence although the height will be 5 feet being as there is not an ordinance relating to dog kennels. Arneson said that he would review the fence ordinances and advise the Council.

- 13) **Delinquent utility bill—review options** Clerk Panning said that there is a property in town that ignores letters that have been sent regarding the overdue bills. Panning said we have 2 options—assess \$ to the property taxes, or take him to small claims court being that he doesn't use City water. Arneson stated that small claims court can be a bit messy because the Court can rule in favor of the City but that still leaves the City to find a way to collect the money. The Council agreed that assessing the past due amount to the property tax is the best route to take.

- 14) **YTD building permits** information only

- 15) **Other matters** Council person Brown asked if Kerby can be responsible to lower flags to half mast when needed. Mayor Kreger said he would advise Kerby to take on that responsibility.

Harms asked if any progress has been made regarding the water flow at the pond in town that is not draining properly. Wentzlaff said that he is working with Rickert regarding this.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Harms to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Motion carried 5/0.

ATTEST

Mayor Kreger

Clerk Panning