

**City Of Green Isle
City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 10, 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, Schauer, Brown, Harms

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

- 5) **Others present** Ken Latzke, Vicki Eischens, Justin Luskey, Jason Voigt, Tami Wentzlaff, Brandy Barrett, Shawn Lundquist, Amy Newsom

- 6) **Public comment period** Ken Lazke was wondering why the 2 papers (Arlington & Belle Plaine) had different \$ amounts on the abatement for Timberline. Panning stated that those numbers really should not have been published being that the actual cost of the building has not been established. Ken also was wondering how a new business can come into town and dictate the terms such as having the Fahey auction removed from the Industrial Park. Ken also asked why the Pautch farm could not be zoned as ag land. Attorney Arneson said that he should start at the County Assessors office and go from there.

Jason Voigt asked if the City is checking the area on 5th Street where a drain was plugged on a regular basis. Jason also said that the City Website is not being updated on a regular basis. Brown said she would check on this. Jason also questioned as to why the City would not allow Fahey to conduct his auctions just to satisfy Timberline.

Shawn Lundquist said that he did purchase the lot next to him and wants to combine the lots into one lot but nothing will happen for a year or two.

7) **Approval of the Agenda** Brown and Wentzlaff asked to be added.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and 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 September 26, 2017 meeting**

B) **Approval of the claims for October 10, 2017 totalling \$21,703.25**

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

9) **City Attorney Arneson** Arneson said that 27 warning letters were sent out as part of the City cleanup. Of those 16 have complied and 11 citations were issued. Of those 11, 8 have complied and those court hearings were dismissed. There are now 3 pending.

Arneson also explained the tax abatement policy. He explained that the lot now is a patch of weeds and -0- tax dollars are collected. By offering a new business the tax abatement for 10 years the business receives -0- taxes for 10 years but after a deal is finalized a new building is constructed then after 10 years the company pays taxes.

Wentzlaff asked Timberline if he would consider allowing Fahey to have auctions 1 more year. The answer was no.

Wentzlaff made a motion and it was seconded by Brown to accept the Purchase Agreement. Motion passed 4/1 with Schauer voting no.

10) **Brandy—Community School** Brandy said that there currently are 61 students. Her main concern was who is responsible for the boiler and paying Roger to maintain it. The school currently pays Roger \$750.00 per month. Attorney Arneson said he would look into it and he also said that AEM financial has the numbers so the bond can be rewritten. At that time the lease will also be redone. Brandy was also asked to submit a price to the City for a new boiler system.

11) **Building permits** info only

12) Amy asked the Council to approve the revised Economic Development Abatement Procedure.

Motion made by Wentzlaff and seconded by Harms to approve the revised Economic development Abatement Procedure. Motion carried 5/0

13) **Other matters** Wentzlaff said that Harlan Voight has an exposed man hole cover that the City should look at because he thinks the snowplow may hit it.

Brown said that some students from the ag department in school are coming out Monday to plant some shrubs at the Memorial site. Brown also asked if we are planning on sweeping the streets again this year. The plan is to do them in early November.

Schauer said that a planning and zoning meeting will be held next Monday the 16th.

Mayor Kreger said that we are looking for a new member for the EDA.

ATTEST

Mayor Kreger

City Clerk Panning