**City Of Green Isle**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, 9-08-15 (7 PM)**

**City Office Council Chambers**

**Call the City Council meeting to order** Mayor ZumBerge called the meeting to order at 7 PM

**Pledge Of Allegiance**

**Council members present** Wentzlaff, Harms, Oelfke, Schauer, Mayor ZumBerge

**Staff members present** Clerk Panning

**Others Present** Aaron Gronholz, Todd Burg

**Public comment period** City resident Aaron Gronholz expressed his concern regarding the high taxes that he pays & yet the City expects him to pay $41.00 to install a fence in his back yard. Gronholz said that he doesn’t know how people can afford to live in Green Isle, especially those on a fixed income. Mr. Gronholz said that he thinks certain things such as fences, small sheds., etc, could be approved by the City without a charge. Wentzlaff stated that we have permits so that certain guidelines are followed & some of the charges for the permits are used to pay the City Building Inspector. Gronholz also said that if the school closes that our taxes will go even higher. ZumBerge stated that that is correct so we have to keep the school open. Harms said that the City kicked in $50,000 to help the school remain open but did it by making cuts to the budget as opposed to increasing the budget. ZumBerge said that that the $50,000 used to keep the school open is a good idea because if the school closes then the City is on the hook for the entire bond payment.

**Approval of the Agenda** Oelfke & ZumBerge asked to be added to the Agenda.

**Motion made by Harms & seconded by Wentzlaff to accept the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried 5/0.**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval of the minutes from the August 25th, 2015 meeting**
2. **Approval of the claims for Sept. 08, 2015 totalling $18,872.33**

**Motion made by Oelfke & seconded by Schauer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.**

**City Attorney Arneson** Attorney Arneson could not attend the meeting & will attend the 9-22-15 meeting.

**Resolution 2015-14, preliminary tax levy for collction in 2016**

The preliminary tax levy of $539,847.00 for collection in 2016

**Motion made by Wentzlaff & seconded by Oelfke to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried 5/0.**

**Repair the curb stop at 350 McGrann Street** Clerk Panning advised the Council that he contacted Mathews to repair the curb stop with the assistance of People Service.

**Building permits issued** included in the packet for information only.

**Other Matters** Oelfke stated that he was contacted by a resident to remove the stop sign at 3rd Street & County Road 11. After some discussion no action was taken.

Oelfke also asked if there is a way to have an electronic sign that shows the speed to the driver of each vehicle coming to Green Isle from the north side of town. After a short discussion it was decided that that type of sign is cost prohibitive. Clerk Panning said that he would contact Sibley County Public Works to see if they have a sign warning incoming traffic that a reduction in speed is ahead.

ZumBerge advised the Council that Mathews needed an additional 11 loads of dirt in order to complete the leveling of the Lions Park field. Mathews would not charge the City for the dirt if the City agreed to extend their lease for the dirt at the Industrial Park for an additional year. After much discussion---

**ZumBerge made a motion seconded by Schauer to extend the lease to Mathews to October 01, 2016. ZumBerge, Schauer, Harms & Oelfke voted YES & Wentzlaff voted NO. Motion carried 4/1.**

**Motion made by ZumBerge & seconded by Oelfke to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion carried 5/0.**

 **ATTEST**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mayor ZumBerge City Clerk Panning**