

Pennock City Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 7, 2017

Pennock City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center. The following members were present Mayor Kevin Crowley, Council members Jeff Arends, Bruce Bastin and Jerry Kolden. Absent was Dave Miller. Also present were Deputy Jared Lange, resident Mike Schackman and Nancy Stredde.

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Council member Kolden to approve the February 7th Council minutes, Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

The bills were presented. Motion by Council member Arends to pay all the bills, Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Deputy Jared Lange presented the sheriff's report. For the month of February there were 50.5 hours.

CITIZENS FORUM

Resident Schackman questioned if there was a cat catcher in town. He was concerned about all the cats in town. No further action was taken.

Resident Schackman asked what the status was on the property at 233 NW 3rd Street. Mayor Crowley mentioned that the City has not been able to get the order on the property served. The City is doing what we can legally do at the present time.

Resident Schackman asked about City Clean up days. He thought that the City should do away with it due to residents abusing it.

Nancy Stredde was present asking for approval to have alcohol sales on both Friday and Saturday night during Pennock Fun Days. Mayor Crowley mentioned that it would be considered with a fenced in area and some rules.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Crowley mentioned that the closing on the Convenience Store was February 15, 2017.

Update on Natural Gas. Council member Bastin shared some information that he found. It was mentioned that Dooley's Petroleum takes their cost from a 20 year program and adds to the customer's monthly bill. It was mentioned that the City of Kerkhoven is in the process of looking for grant money. Clerk Johnson will contact the City of Kerkhoven.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Crowley presented a Resolution authorizing the call of the Outstanding General Obligation Taxable Bond, Series 2006B. Motion by Council member Kolden to adopt the Resolution to pay off the General Obligation Taxable Bond, Series 2006B with the remaining principal amount of \$135,000 on April 10, 2017; Council member Arends seconds the motion. Roll call vote was taken with Council member Arends, Bastin and Kolden in favor and Mayor Crowley in favor. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Bastin authorizing Clerk Johnson to transfer \$63,000 from the General Cash Reserve to pay the remaining balance on the Convenience Store Bond; Council member Kolden seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Mowing bid request packets were reviewed. The packets will be available at the Post Office, Pit Stop, Heritage Bank and the City Office. Bids are to be turned in at the Council meeting on April 4th @ 7:30 p.m. The summer mowing project is for youth 12 – 18 years old and a resident of Pennock.

The Pennock City Wide Clean-up Day is scheduled for May 6th from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for *City of Pennock residents*. There will be a fee schedule reviewed at the April Council meeting.

The Pennock City Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for June 10th from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. If you would like your name put on the list or would like your sale at the Community Center contact Clerk Johnson at 599-4546.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Crowley mentioned that the 2017 Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center. The April Pennock City Council meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

It was mentioned that the brush site road has been destroyed with large trucks hauling trees out to the brush site. Maintenance employee Peters has bladed the road. Mayor Crowley mentioned that there will need to be gravel hauled on to it.

It was mentioned that there was a concern from resident at 201 NW Atlantic Avenue about smelling chlorine in the water. Clerk Johnson had Jeff Dale with MN Rural Water come and test and the chlorine level is within range.

It was mentioned that there was a concern from the owner at 322 N 1st Street about the dog at the property north of her property being a dangerous dog. Spoke with Deputy Lange and looking into the issue.

It was mentioned that the office will be closed Tuesday, March 14th – Friday, March 17th due to Clerk Johnson attending the MCFOA Conference.

It was mentioned that the City of Pennoek will be receiving the 2016 Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation Award on March 30th at the Wastewater Operations Conference.

Being no further business Council member Arends made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Official minutes will be approved at the Tuesday, April 4, 2017 Council meeting.

Dawn Johnson
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer