

MINUTES OF MEETING
MINNEWAUKAN CITY COUNCIL
December 13, 2005

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan City Council was held on December 13, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at the Minnewaukan Senior Citizen Community Center. Present were Mayor, Curt Yri and council members Richard Peterson, Mark Motis Claudette Carlson and Cyndy Lund. Also present were city maintenance man Verdeen Backstrom, city auditor Laura Weed, and librarian Cathy Burkhardsmeyer. Citizens present were Cathy Nord, Steve Huffman, Lisa Wold, Mark and Julie Zilmer, Shelly Kallenbach and Jim Wang.

Minutes

Peterson moved that the minutes of the November 8th meeting be approved. Second by Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson County Housing

Wang stated that sometime in the early 70's there was an agreement between BCH and the city to make pilot payments in lieu of property tax. This is so the tax is based on their revenue. The last payment that was made to the city was in 1993. Shelly asked that the council forgive the tax that should have been paid to the city and asked if the city would sign a new agreement. The council asked her to present to them an example of an agreement so that they could look it over. She refused saying that she had already spent too much time on this subject and was not willing to do so. The council asked if the housing board could be present at our January meeting. She was not sure if they would. The amount of the pilot payment through October of 2005 is approximately \$3,200.

Endorsement

Collin Evenson presented information to the council on "Heart of North Dakota Adventures" and "North Dakota Scenic Highways". He asked the council for a five year endorsement. The council asked if there were any monies involved. Evenson said no, not at this time. A motion was made by Peterson to endorse the project and second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Digital Recorder

A motion was made by Peterson for the purchase of a digital recorder. Price is about \$130.00. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Fish Cleaning Station

Mark Zilmer representing several citizens presented a proposal to the council asking that the city take over the fish cleaning station. They felt that it would be easier for a city to obtain grant money rather than the Community Club. The council felt that they should approach the Community Club first.

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Precinct Boundaries

A motion was made by Lund to include in Precinct One, the property that was annexed in 2005. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Garbage CD

A motion was made by Peterson to renew the garbage CD for a term of 13 months. Second by Carlson. The motion carried unanimously.

2005 Revised Budget

A motion was made by Lund to accept the 2005 revised budget per exhibit B. Second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Home Rule Charter Committee

A motion was made by Carlson to appoint a charter commission. Second by Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Policy Manual

A motion was made by Peterson to change the wording from "required" to "allowed" in the paragraph relating to employee meal periods. Second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Excel Construction

After reading a letter from Excel Construction, the council agreed that Excel should pay the remaining balance on their account. No changes will be made.

Employee Christmas Bonus

A motion was made by Peterson to give the employees the same amount as last year plus 10 percent. Second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Other topics that were discussed: A grant to purchase a search and rescue 4-wheeler. Street signs. Elevation of Main Street from the new highway. Trimming bushes and trees so that there is a seven foot clearance on the sidewalks. Cleaning the carpets in the FSA- Bank Building. Tree grants. Snow removal and vehicles that are not moved for snow cleaning equipment.

Change of Meeting Dates

The meetings in January and February will be moved to the third Tuesday of each month. The meetings will start at 5:30 P.M.

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Fund Transfer

A motion was made by Peterson to transfer 2440 from the FSA Bank Building fund into the library fund to cover their 2005 deficit. Second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills

A motion was made by Carlson and second by Motis to pay all bills. Motion carried unanimously.

FSA - Bank Building

Ameripride	56.35
Odden's	185.00
Otter Tail	732.49
Huffman, S.	905.29

Garbage

Waste Management	3018.75
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General

Bulie, K., CPA	2800.00
Cenex	604.66
Farmers Press	100.04
Frith & Steffan	50.00
NDTC	190.34
ND US 281	50.00
Odden's	3.00
Otter Tail	191.93
Quill	235.95
Yri,Curt	500.00
Payroll	1291.65
Payroll - Council	4456.57

Street

Benson County Highway	60.00
Otter Tail	577.06

Water

Cellular One	119.62
Cenex	732.57
Grainger	23.54
Lake Lumber	7.38

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ND Rural Water	100.00
NDTC	160.41
Northern Plains Elect.	340.15
Odden's	77.06
Otter Tail	118.14
Payroll	2186.26

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Curt Yri
Mayor

Laura J. Weed
Auditor