

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MINNEWAUKAN CITY COUNCIL
January 9, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan City Council was held on January 9, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at the Minnewaukan Senior Citizens Community Center. Present were Mayor Yri and council members Mark Motis, Rita Staloch Claudette Carlson and Steve Huffman. Also present were city auditor Laura Weed, city maintenance man Verdeen Backstrom, librarian Cathy Burkhardsmeyer, Mark Zillmer, and David Garske.

Minutes

Motis moved that the minutes of the December 9th meeting be approved. Second by Huffman. Huffman-yes, Staloch-yes, Carlson-abstain, Motis-yes. Motion carried.

Complaint Filed

A complaint was filed regarding Aabrekke's dog. Council stated that other people have also heard this dog barking late into the night. The council asked if Garske had contacted the animal control officer. A motion was made by Motis to ask Mike Steffan to send a letter to Aabrekke's with a copy of the animal ordinance. Staloch seconded. Huffman-yes, Staloch-yes, Carlson-no, Motis-yes. Motion carried.

Contract Policing

Steve Rhorer approached the council regarding contract policing. Nothing will be done at this time.

Speed Limits

A decision was made to remove the 25 MPH sign on west Main Street and replace it with a 15 MPH sign.

Garbage CD

A motion was made by Carlson to renew the Garbage CD for a period of 12 months at 4.25 percent. Second by Huffman. Motion carried unanimously.

Late Fee

Benson County Housing asked the council if they would waive the late fee on the water bill if they are late. They felt they might not be able to make the 15th deadline because of the dates their meetings fall on. Carlson made a motion to waive the fee. Motion died for lack of a second.

Council Pay

Council payroll was discussed. The council discussed absentee meetings along with extra meetings. Council is at the maximum allowed by State Law. If there is a future problem with absenteeism then this issue will be addressed at that point. No action is needed at this time.

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Turn On Fee

A motion was made by Staloch to waive the turn-on fee for Dale Halvorson due to a family emergency. Second by Huffman. Motion carried unanimously.

Training

A motion was made by Motis to approve V. Backstrom for a training session February 13th through the 15th. Second by Huffman. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made Carlson to approve T. Backstrom for a training session March 12th through 14th. Second by Huffman. Huffman-yes, Staloch-yes, Carlson-yes, Motis-abstain. Motion carried.

Library Salary

The council discussed a letter received by C. Burkhardtsmeier regarding an increase in salary. The council felt that the library board should discuss this issue prior to the council.

Bank Building

Per the contract with USDA, the interior of the building will need to be painted in 2007. The council felt that a contract should be signed prior to the work being done. The council discussed if the employees should be allowed to choose individual paint colors for their own offices. The council felt that this would increase the cost of painting.

Misc.

Other topics that were discussed: Ice removal in front of the Memorial Building. Motis asked V. Backstrom not to park personal cars in the fire hall. City snow removal on private property. WSG expenses for the Library Building.

Bills

A motion was made by Staloch to pay all bills. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

FSA/Bank Building

Ameripride	58.95
Benson County Treasurer	1254.85
Huffman, S.	811.50
Otter Tail Power	822.91

Garbage

Waste Management	3018.75
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General

Farmers Press	88.45
Frith & Steffan	50.00
Hoiberg's	22.90
NDTC	92.36
Odden's	47.58
Otter Tail	199.29
The 55 Club	240.00
Payroll	1213.44

Library Fund

Doubleday Book Club	97.42
Payroll	662.13

Street

Benson County Highway	187.01
Odden's	31.00
Otter Tail	586.85

Water

Alltel	62.03
Fargo Water Equipment	219.18
Hawkins	1904.63
Home of Economy	14.58
NDDOH	16.00
NDTC	82.19
Northern Plains Elect.	301.19
Odden's	24.22
Otter Tail	122.77
TSC	8.80
Payroll	2319.06

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Curtis A. Yri
Mayor

Laura J. Weed
City Auditor