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MINNEWAUKAN CITY COUNCIL

January 17, 2006

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan City Council was held on January 17, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Minnewaukan Senior Citizen Community Center. Present were council members, Richard Peterson, Mark Motis, Claudette Carlson and Cyndy Lund. Also present were city maintenance man Verdeen Backstrom and city auditor Laura Weed. Citizens present were Mike Steffan, Jim Wang, Cathy Nord, and Steve Huffman. Benson County Housing representatives, Shelly Kallenbach, Jason Lee, Ray Scherr, Donna Rice, Carol Finley and Bob Helland. Mayor Yri arrived at the meeting at a later time.

Minutes

Motis moved that the minutes of the December 13th meeting be approved. Second by Carlson . Motion carried unanimously.

Benson County Housing

A motion was made by Lund to enter into a new contract with BCH for pilot payments in lieu of taxes. The new rate that will be used to calculate the payment will be 2 .5 percent for the 2006 fiscal year. It was agreed by both parties that this rate will be reviewed annually. BCH will present the council with a new agreement. Second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Because of a lack of information of what transpired between the Minnewaukan City Council and the Benson County Housing Board between 1993 and 1995, and because of the hardship that it would create for them, a motion was made by Motis to forgive any pilot payments from 1993 through 2005. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Permit

A motion was made by Motis and seconded by Lund to approve a building permit for Benson County Housing. A parking lot will be built on the north side of the property. Because this property is under 1460, the council agreed to approve it on the contingency that Jeff Klein of the State Water Commission and Simon Cardenas of FEMA also agree with these improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Depository

A motion was made by Carlson to designate Bremer Bank as the depository of city funds. Second by Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

ND Department of Health

A motion was made by Motis to approve a one year contract for the 2006 calendar year. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

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Abatement of Taxes

A request was made asking the council to abate part of the property tax on E ½

of lot 20, 21 & 22, Block 41, Original Minnewaukan Townsite. After some discussion a motion was made by Motis to reject the application. Second by Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Home Rule Charter

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Motis to appoint a Home Rule Charter Commission. Charter Commission will consist of Sherri Thompson, Angie Walen, Rita Staloch, Annette Schmid, and Lori Howard. Seconded by Motis. Motion carried unanimously. The council wanted to thank Claudette Carlson for her effort in this matter.

Notes Payable

A motion was made by Motis and seconded by Lund to pay \$10,000 on the Seal Coat payable to Bremer Bank. Seconded by Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Employee Training

A motion was made by Motis to approve training for Verdeen Backstrom February 7th through the 9th. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lund to approve a 3 day training session for Troy in April. Seconded by Carlson. Roll call. Lund- yes, Carlson- yes, Peterson- yes, Motis- no. Motion carried.

Copy Table

A copy table is needed instead of the book cart that is currently being used. Motis stated that he had a table that might work. Huffman stated if the table Motis has did not work that he would donate the money for a new one.

Highway 281

A letter will be sent asking the state to apply an overlay of asphalt to Highway 281 that lies within the city limits. The council would like to see this done prior to the city accepting ownership of this section of highway.

FSA Bank Building

Peterson stated that because of rising costs primarily with electricity, that the rental income from this building will need to be reviewed.

Fuel Tanks

Peterson stated that he felt the council should revise the ordinance regarding **MINUTES OF MEETING**

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above ground fuel tanks. He felt that the current ordinance is too strict and is creating a hardship for certain businesses.

Ice on Sidewalks

A letter will be sent to owners along main street asking them to keep the sidewalks clear of ice.

Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be held February 17th instead of the 10th at 5:30 P.M.

Bills

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

FSA/Bank Building

Ameripride	56.35
Benson County Treasurer	1280.35
Huffman, S.	938.08
Lake Region Sheetmetal	90.30
Minnewaukan Library	2440.00
Otter Tail Power	956.40

Garbage

Waste Management	3018.75
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General

55 Club	240.00
Farmers Press	94.55
Frith & Steffan	50.00
HoibergR17;s	9.17
NDTC	90.81
Otter Tail	190.82
Postmaster	79.74
Weed, L.	294.76
Payroll	1212.89

Library Fund

Doubleday Book Club	38.96
Payroll	690.96

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Street

General Welding	120.00
Goulding's	82.47
John Deere	168.43
OddenR17;s	8.82
Otter Tail	773.32
Payroll	196.38

Water

Cellular One	55.60
Darrell's Electric	40.00
Hawkins Water Treatment	3047.99
Home of Economy	7.38
Lamottes	130.06

ND Rural Water	170.00
NDTC	82.46
NDWP	20.00
Norther Plains Elect.	314.27
OddenR17;s	81.00
Otter Tail	896.34
TSC	20.16
USPO	347.00
Payroll	2083.43

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Curt Yri

Mayor

Laura J. Weed

Auditor