

MINUTES OF MEETING
MINNEWAUKAN CITY COUNCIL
November 8, 2005

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan City Council was held November 8, 2005 at 6 p.m. at the Minnewaukan Senior Citizen Community Center. Present were Curt Yri, Richard Peterson, Mark Motis, Claudette Carlson, and Cyndy Lund. Also present were city maintenance man Verdeen Backstrom, city auditor Laura Weed, librarian Cathy Burkhardsmeyer, Cathy Nord, and Steve Huffman.

Minutes

Peterson moved that the minutes of the October 11th meeting be approved. Second by Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Void Check

A motion was made by Motis to void check 8106. Second by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnewaukan Ambulance

Nord asked if the city could remove the tractor from the fire hall, stating that there is a ND state law requiring that the second ambulance be placed in a heated building. The council felt that the tractor was of vital importance to the city and should be kept in the fire hall. Lund questioned the reason for a second ambulance. Nord asked if the city could donate land for a new building. A suggestion was made that the Fire Department look into renting a heated garage to store the truck.

Tourism Grants

A motion was made by Carlson and seconded by Lund to accept the Department of Commerce grant in the amount of \$1500.00. The grant money will be used to produce Minnewaukan brochures. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Lund and seconded by Motis to accept the RC & D grant in the amount of \$500.00. The grant money will be used for WDAZ advertising and website updates. Motion carried unanimously.

WDAZ Advertising

A motion was made by Motis and seconded by Lund to sponsor a Minnewaukan promotion by WDAZ in the amount of \$157.00 for 48 spots over the next 6 months. Motion carried unanimously.

ND Bond Bank

The council has agreed to keep the current rate of coverage from the North Dakota Bond Bank in the amount of \$125,000

Lot Sales 2000

A motion was made by Peterson to send a bill to Steve Chase for the lost property tax revenue on parcel #45-2-11101-6, south ½ lots 1-4 E2 of lot 5, block 5. Chase purchased these lots from the city in 2000 but never filed the deed until 2005. The council agreed that when the payment is received, the city will forward the money

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to the county for distribution.

Employee Sick Leave

A motion was made by Lund to clarify that V. Backstrom accrues sick leave at the rate of one day per month and can accrue up to 60 days. This motion is retroactive back to 1985 as previously approved by the council on May 5, 1986. Second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Monda Lots

A motion was made by Peterson to give Shane Monda a 30 day extension to remove the fuel tank located on his property. Monda explained that removing the tank at the present time would create a hardship for his business. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried unanimously.

Home Rule Charter

Carlson asked that the council review the possibility of a home rule charter at the December meeting. The reason for implementing the home rule charter is so the city could collect additional sales tax. The council agreed.

Benson County Weed Board

The weed board has asked if the city has any space to rent for chemical storage. A possibility would be to rent some space in the elevator. Motis questioned how much chemical would be stored there.

Abandoned Vehicles

The council asked that a letter be sent to the Fox's asking them to remove the disable vehicles from the city street.

RV Trailers

A report was made to the council regarding RV's that are dumping raw sewage onto the ground. The ordinance will be sent to the property owners.

Street Signs

A motion was made by Peterson to purchase 6 street signs. Three of the poles that are needed will be donated by council members. Second by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Boats and Trailers

The council asked that a notice be given asking people to remove the boats and trailers from the street.

Bills

Chemical prices were questioned by Motis. Motion by Motis to pay all bills. Second by Peterson. Motion carried unanimously.

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Bank Building

Ameripride	56.35
Huffman, S.	699.50
Otter Tail Power	771.21

Garbage

Waste Management	3018.75
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General

Cenex	174.42
Every, Laura	300.00
Farmers Press	108.42
Frith & Steffan	50.00
Halverson Motor Sports	242.36
Lake Lumber	25.65
ND League of Cities	245.00
Odden's	14.84
Otter Tail Power	154.26
Park Board	323.26
Quill Office Products	169.98
Schwan Wholesale	51.70
Staloch Insurance	9.00
Payroll	1138.39

Library

Payroll	630.07
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Street

Odden's	111.50
Otter Tail Power	577.57
Lannie Simonson Building	675.60
Staloch, A.	250.00

Water

Backstrom, V.	129.60
Bismarck Ramkota Hotel	70.00
Cenex	1174.43
Expressway Inn	49.95
Hawkins Chemical	2693.55
Home of Economy	75.87
Hones Abe's	11.50
Napa	22.68
Northern Plains Electric	330.26
Otter Tail Power	136.45

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USPO	148.00
Payroll	2240.11

Motion by Motis to adjourn. Second by Lund. Motion carried unanimously.

Curtis A. Yri
Mayor

Laura J. Weed
Auditor