

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MINNEWAUKAN CITY COUNCIL
May 10, 2005**

A regular meeting of the Minnewaukan City Council was held May 10, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. at the Minnewaukan Senior Citizens Community Center. Present were Mike Every, Claudette Carlson, Mark Motis, Richard Peterson and Curt Yri. Also present were city maintenance man Verdeen Backstrom, city auditor Laura Weed, librarian Cathy Burkhardtsmeier, Steve Huffman and Clint Huffman.

Minutes

Motis moved that the minutes of the April 13th 2005 meeting be approved. Yri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Void Check

Yri moved to void check # 7926 payable to Staloch Insurance in the amount of \$334.00. Seconded by Peterson. A new check will be issued in the amount of \$291.00. A credit was taken twice on the equipment revisions.

Trees

A letter will be sent to Russell Foss asking him to remove a tree branch that is a hazard on East Avenue.

Minnewaukan Beautification

The council decided to remove the bell tower from the roof of the fire hall. They will leave it to the beautification committee to decide where to put it.

The flag at Memorial Park needs to be changed. Peterson will get Motis a new flag to replace the worn one.

The council approved a budget amount of approximately \$400.00 to paint and caulk the front of the fire hall.

Illegal Burning

The council discussed the fire protection ordinance. The council felt that they should amend the ordinance to allow for the new portable fire pits that are now available. However, other types of burning (leaves, garbage, etc) are not allowed within the city limits. A permit may be granted by the fire department to allow a bonfire. However, such a permit carries an obligation on the part of the grantee to keep safe control of the fire and to be responsible for all damages there from.

Building Inspection

The council felt that the building inspector should be someone who resides in town. Peterson made a motion to appoint Myron Jury as building inspector. Motis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Revision

A motion was made by Motis to accept the ordinance revisions for Chapter 4, Fire Protection and Prevention and Chapter 7, Water and Sewer. Seconded by Yri. (note: penalty clauses were published in the April minutes)

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Employee Job Descriptions

A motion was made by Yri to accept the final revisions of the Employee Job Descriptions. Seconded by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Portfolio Assignment

The following portfolios were assigned by Every: Motis, streets. Carlson, library, shade tree and beautification. Yri, water, sewer, garbage, and dump. Peterson, city buildings. Motis stated that he would volunteer to run the water plant in case of an emergency. Backstrom will train Motis on the proper procedures.

Lot Sales

It was agreed by the council that city owned lots below 1460 elevation will be sold for \$500.00. Lots above 1460 elevation will be sold for \$1000.00. Motion by Peterson. Seconded by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Hall Roof

A motion was made by Peterson to begin work on the fire hall roof. Because of the serious condition of the roof the council agreed that the work should be done immediately. Huffman stated that the water was running through the building onto the fire trucks. The council agreed that they would pay for the entire roof and the Minnewaukan Community Club could pay the city when they received the funds. Seconded by Yri. Motion carried unanimously.

Flood Insurance

The council discussed the flood insurance on city buildings. The council was questioning the need to insure the buildings that are over 1460 elevation. After some discussion a motion was made by Peterson to insure the buildings at the lower rate. Seconded by Yri. Motion carried unanimously.

Disaster Declaration

A motion was made by Peterson to declare a disaster because of water infiltration that is damaging the streets and infrastructure. Seconded by Motis. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Declaration
City of Minnewaukan, North Dakota

WHEREAS, the city of Minnewaukan, North Dakota has suffered damage to its streets as a result of hydrostatic pressure from nearby Devils Lake, and,

WHEREAS, the resulting high water table has been infiltrated by the saline waters of the lake, resulting in corrosive action on that portion of the city's sewer system constructed of concrete, and,

WHEREAS, the additional water infiltrating the sewer system is placing undue

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strain on the pumps in the city's main sewer lift station, and,

WHEREAS, hydrostatic pressure of the lake has undermined the base upon which the asphalt streets were laid, resulting in extensive damage to the asphalt surface, which cannot be repaired properly without repairing the base, and,

WHEREAS, the impact of these damages threaten the health, well-being and public safety of the citizens of the city of Minnewaukan, and,

WHEREAS, the cost of replacement of the lift station pumps and repair of the streets is beyond the resources of the city to handle,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the city council of the city of Minnewaukan, North Dakota, declares an emergency and requests county, state and federal agencies to follow suit in attempting to alleviate the problems caused by the lake's subterranean invasion of the city, as well as its threat to come into the city across the surface of the land.

DATED at Minnewaukan, North Dakota, this 10th day of May, 2005.

Michael A. Every
Mayor
City of Minnewaukan

Maintenance Report

Backstrom gave his maintenance report.

Portfolio Reports

Motis suggested that the city keep the tar pots so that the city could do minor street repairs. Motis wanted a letter sent to Grand Forks Grocery asking them to stay off city streets when possible.

Peterson discussed a broken door at the bank building.

Employee Resignation

Weed submitted her resignation effective May 12, 2005. Weed left the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Bills

Yri made a motion that all bills be paid. Seconded by Carlson . Motion carried unanimously.

Bank Building

Huffman, Steve	699.50
Klemetsrud Plumbing	77.00
Otter Tail Power	725.62

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General Fund

City of Devils Lake	218.00
Farmers Press	157.84
Frith & Steffan	50.00
North Plains Communication	1825.00
Motis, Mark	35.25
Otter Tail	6.65
Staloch Insurance	291.00
Payroll	1119.64

Garbage Fund

Waste Management	3018.75
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Library Fund

Creative Impressions	248.25
Doubleday	58.85
Mystery Guild	43.44
Payroll	734.72

Library Building

Otter Tail	66.80
Payroll	69.02

Memorial Building

Otter Tail	18.80
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Street Fund

General Welding	175.00
Otter Tail	559.51
Service Tire	35.00
TSC	104.61
Payroll	840.07

Water Fund

Hawkins	3227.50
Lake Region Sheetmetal	18.32
Odden's	122.43
OtterTail	146.07
Northern Plains Electric	319.54
Payroll	1924.37

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Mike Every
Mayor

Laura J. Weed
Auditor