

City of Minburn
City Council Meeting
June 14, 2010

The Minburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pace, Council Members: Lucas Asche, David Baccus, Jordan Lint, Donald Peel, and Phyllis Moss. Attorney Beverly Wild was also present.

Agenda: Motion Lint, second Moss to approve agenda. All Ayes, Motion carried

Minutes: Motion Lint, second Moss to approve Minutes from May 10th, and June 3rd. All Ayes, Motion carried

Bills: Motion Lint second Moss to approve bills as presented. All Ayes, Motion carried

USDA loan and grant: Kathy Lambert from Rural Development spoke about the specific requirements and qualifications for obtaining a USDA grant or loan for the lagoon.

To qualify for USDA money, the city would need to have additional environmental assessments done. In addition, a median household income (MHI) survey will need to be done by the Midwest Assistance Program to determine eligibility for a grant. A letter will be written to Ms. Lambert requesting the survey. Included in the letter must be listed specific reasons why the city believes Minburn residents have a lower MHI than they did in 2000. If the city was to ultimately receive a grant, it would only be for 45% of the amount of the project. The rest of the money needed for the lagoon would have to be funded by loans.

Lagoon Project: Discussion on specific terms in the land purchase agreement regarding the top soil disbursement and responsibility for maintenance of field tiles. Mayor Pace and Russ Lemke will meet with the seller to finalize the language to be used in the agreement.

Streets: Dave Baccus reported that Sta-Bilt will be able to start work on the streets during the month of June, but would not be able to finish until July. Motion Baccus, second Asche to pre-approve payment to the company of up to \$11,000 before July 1st. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Request by American Legion to erect a flag pole on the sidewalk beside their building: Mark Golightly explained how the flag pole is to be erected. Motion Lint, second Moss to allow the flag pole to be erected beside the building. Peel and Baccus abstained, Asche, Lint and Moss Aye. Motion carried.

Parks: Don Peel reported that more lights were needed at Rogers Park. Mayor Pace offered to check prices. MCBG members plan to repair the Big Heart Stage on June 26th. Discussion on work day planned for June 18th at Rogers Park.

Depot: Pioneer Hi-Bred has donated \$1,000 to the city from their Volunteer Grant Program and Matching Gift Program on behalf of employees, Mark Hinds and Tom Bennet. Consultant Russ Lemke reported on the proposed cost estimates for engineering and architectural. He is still working on the consultant and architect restoration cost estimates and explained the similarities and differences he was finding with the cost estimates done by the original architect and the estimate being done now. Deb Lucht reported that Minburn Communications has joined with the Greater Dallas County Alliance and she has been seated on the board. Jordan Lint was invited to attend the MCBG meeting where the director of the Alliance will be speaking. It is

possible the Alliance could assist with grant writing. Discussion about doing the depot restoration in phases, based on SHIPO approval.

Motion Baccus, second Moss that having received the proposed contract from the consultant the council agreed the attorney should submit it to the Iowa DOT for approval. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Cemetery: Phyllis Moss reported twenty four evergreen trees donated by Harold Hill have been transplanted to the cemetery.

Community Planning Committee: Deb Lucht reported the committee has chosen a consultant to do a feasibility study concerning the Minburn Elementary School building and adjoining property. The study would focus on the feasibility of the city taking on the building and property, what potential re-uses of the building and property might be and what might be available for funding. The proposed cost for the study is \$16,500 total. The Minburn Phone Co. has donated \$3,000 in a matching grant with INS Ripple Effect Grant, making \$6,000 already committed. The remaining \$10,500 will be divided between the city and ADM School. The school board will vote at their next meeting. Motion Lint, second Peel to approve expenditure up to \$5,250 for the study. All Ayes. Motion carried. There is also a possibility that the city may be eligible for a Ripple Effect Grant.

Mitch Johnson annual review and raise: Motion Peel, second Moss to give Johnson a 2% raise. Peel and Moss Aye, - Asche, Lint and Baccus opposed. Motion died. Motion Lint, second Asche to raise Johnson's wage by 3%. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Application for Cigarette Permit: Motion Peel, second Asche to approve Ron Mercial's application to sell cigarettes and tobacco products at Mudders. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Water: The city has received a letter from Xenia that the city's rate to purchase water will be increased 22% starting in 120 days. An ordinance to raise the water rates 22% will be drafted with the first reading to be at the July council meeting.

Adjournment: Motion Peel, second Moss to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Fitch, City Clerk