

City of Minburn
City Council Meeting
March 8, 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 Asche, second Moss to approve the agenda. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion Asche, second Moss to approve minutes for 2/8/10, 2/15/10 and 3/1/10 meetings. All Ayes, Motion carried.

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

Dallas County Development Alliance: Butch Niebuhr spoke about the Alliance's purpose, organization and some of the projects they have been involved in.

Public Hearing – Budget: Motion Moss, second Baccus to enter into public hearing. All Ayes, Motion carried. Discussion about increases in water and sewer rates. Motion Moss, second Baccus to adopt the budget as written. Roll Call Vote. Asche Aye, Baccus Aye, Lint Aye, Peel Aye, Moss Aye. Motion Asche, second Moss to approve to close public hearing.

Request to Keep Chickens on Property: Written request was reviewed and discussed. Motion Baccus, second Peel to consent to Brad and Theresa Herman keeping no more than twenty-five (25) chickens on their property at 615 Baker Street.

Engineer Report on Wastewater Lagoon Project: Russ Lemke reported they are about 90% done with the planning and design aspect of the project. Discussion of drawing funds from the SRF loan to pay engineering costs accrued at this time. Motion Lint, second Moss to apply for funding from the Iowa Finance Authority to pay Engineering of 90% contracted amount. All Ayes, Motion carried

Discussion on purchasing of property where the lagoon will be located and obtaining easements. Motion Lint, second Baccus to authorize Mayor to pay \$5,000 earnest money and enter into an agreement for purchasing of up to 20 acres of land within the guidelines of the appraised value. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Minburn has been awarded \$300,000 from a Community Development Block Grant to assist with payment of the wastewater lagoon project. Attorney Wild will do further research to see if the city is eligible to receive an I-JOBS Grant.

Community Planning Committee Report: Discussion about sending out survey asking for input on the assets and needs of the community. Motion Lint, second Moss to approve City Clerk to mail out survey with the water bills in April, and to purchase the postage to mail out survey to rural residents of the community. All Ayes, Motion carried.

On Wednesday, March 17th there will be a walk though of the school for the city council members and Mick Wallace. Next Planning Committee meeting will be April 14th. On March 24th will be a meeting with the school superintendent, mayor and a council member to discuss future plans.

Minburn Community Betterment Group: Discussion regarding council member Lint meeting with the Depot committee to review documents and history of the project. Terry Frahm from Heartland Coop said the Coop is willing to pay for the re-location of the bike trail. Mayor Pace will set up a meeting with the Coop, Snyder Engineering, Beverly Wild and Mike Wallace to finalize the bike trail route as well as the financing and timetable of project. There was also discussion of how the bike trail will be defined as it crosses city streets and signage that would be needed.

Fire: The American Legion is donating \$3,000.00 to pay for the 4th of July Fireworks.

Library: The new computer tables have arrived and are working out very well. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 3rd. The circulation count of the books and movies was up for the months of January and February.

Cemetery: Mowing bids were reviewed. Motion Peel, second Asche to award Gary's Lawn Care Service the bid for mowing and trimming the cemetery. All Ayes. Motion carried. Discussion of request to buy five spaces of a cemetery lot on a payment plan. Motion Moss, second Baccus to allow people to buy a group of spaces in a lot on a payment plan to last no longer than one year. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Streets: Plan is for the major street repair work to be done during June and July. Russ Lemke reported there are three manholes on Chestnut Street and one at 8th and Walnut that are scheduled to be repaired as part of the sewer project, but it shouldn't have much impact on the street repair.

Parks: Discussion on replacing drinking fountain spouts. Mitch will check with Stacy Freestone, who said he has access to ordering them. Lucas Asche's students are going to design a skate / concession stand after they get a better idea of the size and location.

Public Works: There are problems with the brakes in the dump truck. Mitch Johnson will take it to Deaton's Truck Repair.

City Hall: Authority was given to Clerk to ask Dawn Byers to work as clerk a few hours a week if needed. Phyllis Moss has been volunteering two days a week to sort out papers now stored in boxes, inventory contents of lock boxes and other organizational projects.

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

Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Fitch, City Clerk