

City Council Meeting
December 12, 2016

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of December 12, 2016 was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Sorensen.

Present: Charles Sorensen, Jerry Orth, Ken Skuza, Dick Cheatley and Auditor Del Kolke

Absent: Craig Richardson

Skuza moved to approve the November 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried.

Cheatley moved to approve the bills. Skuza seconded. Motion carried.

Orth moved to approve the agenda. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Cheatley moved to approve the resignation of Herb Ehnes as building inspector and member of Planning & Zoning. Orth seconded. Motion carried. Auditor will advertise building inspector opening.

Fire Dept. assisted Riverdale Ambulance Service with one call. Chief is looking for a pump for the older brush truck.

Auditor will be out of the office Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 14) and Friday (Dec. 16).

Old Business:

Orth moved to approve the Morning Star Campground Rules for 2017 with changes. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried. McLean Co. Sheriff will be asked to report any activity and calls to the campground to council.

Cheatley moved to approve the purchase of playground equipment for Morning Star Campground in the amount of \$18,006. Orth seconded. Motion carried.

Guest:

AJ Tuck, Ulteig Engineers, provided updated map of sewer lines remaining to be televised and slip lined. Skuza moved to approve work order for final phase of sewer improvements. Cheatley seconded. Motion carried.

New Business:

A request to move a manhole on Lot 5 Block 7 original townsite was tabled.

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Cheatley moved to approve water and sewer rate increases effective January 1, 2017. Orth seconded. Motion carried. Residential base water rate will increase from \$25/month to \$30/month and the usage rate will increase from \$3.00/1000 gallons of water to \$3.50/1000 gallons. Residential sewer rate will increase from \$6/month to \$8/month. Commercial base water rate will increase from \$25/month to \$40/month and the usage rate will increase from \$3.00/1000 gallons of water to \$4.00/1000 gallons. Commercial sewer rate will increase from \$6/month to \$10/month which includes 10,000 gallons of water usage; \$15/month for 10,000-20,000 gallons; \$20/month for 20,000-30,000 gallons; and \$25/month for more than 30,000 gallons of water used.

The extended electrical outage of December 6 was discussed. Electrical engineer and electrical contractor have been contacted and will be available later this week to assess the situation and recommend necessary repairs and upgrades. Letter of appreciation will be sent to Otter Tail Power Company.

Portfolio Reports:

Skuza suggested hiring extra help for snow removal in the future if city maintenance is short-handed. Previous maintenance employees or asking seasonal help back is an option, as well as council members or community members. Due to strong winds downing an electrical mast, Plaza I building was without power for several days.

Cheatley reported the recently rebuilt water treatment facility pump continues to leak. Contractor will address the issue.

Orth commended Clay Kruger for dealing with several adverse situations throughout the last couple weeks. Council concurred Mr. Kruger has been doing a great job of keeping the city streets open and restoring power during extremely cold weather.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

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Executive Officer: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Auditor