

City Council Meeting
March 14, 2016

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of March 14, 2016 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Sorensen.

Present: Charles Sorensen, Nancy Elliott, Lee Bertsch and Auditor Del Kolke

Absent: Nita Anderson and Ken Skuza

Elliott moved to approve the February 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes of February 25, 2016. Motion died for lack of second. Clarification of February 25 special meeting minutes was asked for and provided. Elliott moved to approve the February 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes and special meeting minutes of February 25, 2016. Bertsch seconded. Motion carried.

Elliott moved to approve the bills. Bertsch seconded. Motion carried.

Elliott moved to approve the agenda. Bertsch seconded. Motion carried.

Guests:

Tom Heller and Joni Livingston, Missouri River Energy Services representatives, provided an overview of Amendment 5 to the S-1 Power Sale Agreement between the City of Riverdale and Missouri River Energy Services. Questions and concerns were addressed.

Anderson arrived at 7:20 PM.

Anderson moved to introduce a resolution to approve Amendment 5 to the Missouri River Energy Services Power Sale Agreement (S-1). Bertsch seconded. Roll Call: Anderson aye, Elliott aye, Bertsch aye. Resolution adopted.

Reports:

Auditor attended a two-day workshop sponsored by the ND League of Cities. The City of Riverdale received recognition from the ND Dept. of Health for complying with Safe Drinking Water Act requirements in 2015. Board of Equalization meeting will be held Thursday, April 14 at 7:00. City election will be held on June 14 in conjunction with the state primary election. Vacant seats to be filled include mayor, two council positions for 4-year term, one council position for 2-year term, municipal judge, and three park board members for 4-year term. The question of publishing the city minutes in Riverdale's official newspaper, the McLean Co. Independent, will also be voted on. City hall will be closed Good Friday, March 25.

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Old Business:

Morning Star Campground straw poll question to create a playground with equipment to replace the volleyball area indicated 55 in favor and 45 opposed. No action taken at this time.

Residents Comments:

Inquiry was made regarding the opening of the landfill. This service will resume when seasonal employee returns this spring.

New Business:

Bertsch moved to enter into a thirty (30) year lease with the Riverdale Park Board for the management, maintenance and development of property known as the football field, which will allow future projects to be pursued by the Park Board. Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Portfolio Reports:

Sorensen indicated city streets need to be chip sealed with a projected date of 2017 or 2018.

Elliott reported a successful meeting with the water partners was held March 7. The three entities will address the necessity and acquisition of a generator and water tower. The water treatment facility is a separate entity from the City of Riverdale and funds are not shared. FEMA grants are not available to communities in McLean County at this time but may be accessible when these projects are pursued, along with other funding sources. Advisory board members include Teresa Sundsbak and Wilbert Harsch, North Central Rural Water Consortium; Mark Ness and Ethan Vaagene, City of Underwood; Water Commissioner and City Auditor, City of Riverdale; with water treatment facility operator, Clay Kruger, providing technical input as necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Executive Officer: _____
Mayor

Attest: _____
Auditor