

City Council Meeting

May 11, 2015

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of May 11, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Anderson.

Present: Nita Anderson, Lee Bertsch, Ken Skuza, Nancy Elliott and Auditor Del Kolke

Skuza moved to approve the Board of Equalization and regular meeting minutes of April 13, 2015, and special meeting minutes of April 27, 2015. Elliott seconded. Motion carried.

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

Skuza moved to approve the agenda as amended. Bertsch seconded. Motion carried.

City Official Business:

Elliott moved to accept resignation of Charles Sorensen, Municipal Judge, effective immediately. Bertsch seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Charles Sorensen completed Oath of Office and was installed as mayor. Mayor Sorensen assumed the meeting.

Anderson moved to appoint Toni Ganje to serve as Municipal Judge until next city election. Bertsch seconded. Motion carried.

Guests:

Terry Morast, Morning Star Campground manager, introduced himself to council and is looking forward to the camping season.

Ryan Oberg, city assessor, explained how assessed values are determined. His future attendance at board of equalization meetings is expected by council with consideration given to property owners to discuss their valuation. Mr. Oberg is available to address concerns at any time and would appreciate the opportunity to research data prior to making adjustments. Todd Schreiner, county tax director and Ladd Erickson, state's attorney, provided input and stressed the importance of a professional working relationship.

Nathan McCleery, Sakakawea Sunset Lodge, requested his on-sale beer and wine license be expanded to include all liquor and off-sale. Anderson moved to explore updating Article 5 – Alcoholic Beverages within Chapter 11 – Business Regulations and Licenses. Skuza seconded. Roll Call: Bertsch nay, Skuza aye, Anderson aye, Elliott aye. Motion carried.

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Reports:

Pick City fire chief requested a mutual aid agreement with the Riverdale Fire Dept. Chief Haraseth will research liabilities and procedure.

Roll-off dumpsters will be available at the city shop May 22-29 for city cleanup week. Spraying of city property and campground has been scheduled. City hall will be closed Monday, May 18.

Old Business:

Bertsch moved to approve water and sewer plans for Clark Wurtele in Monroe Addition. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Anderson moved to bring Community Church request back to table. Skuza seconded. Motion carried. Several options were discussed with the city donating the north half of Plaza I building to the Riverdale Community Church for \$1.00 (one dollar) proposed by council. Community church representatives will relay the proposal to congregation. Anderson moved to table. Elliott seconded. Motion carried.

Prior to approving Ulteig Engineers Lincoln Addition replat proposal, auditor will research content of warranty deeds to ensure work is necessary.

The city compost area will not be relocated at this time.

Anderson referenced city ordinance which reflects no person shall accumulate any refuse unless kept in a sealed container. Auditor was instructed to send letter notifying property owner of this requirement.

Residents Comments:

A property owner expressed dissatisfaction with city assessor and a resident inquired about the trap range.

New Business:

Anderson moved to designate the McLean County Independent as the official newspaper for the City of Riverdale. Skuza seconded. Motion carried.

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Elliott moved to designate financial authority for existing accounts with American Bank Center and Bank of North Dakota to Charles Sorensen, Ken Skuza and Del Kolke. Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Anderson moved to approve two (2) raffle permits for the Riverdale Ambulance Service. Bertsch seconded. Motion carried.

Skuza moved to authorize Garrison Area Improvement, Inc. to conduct games of chance at Knights Bar & Grill. Anderson seconded. Roll Call: Bertsch abstain, Skuza aye, Anderson aye, Elliott aye. Motion carried.

Portfolio Reports:

Bertsch recommended Electrical Services not complete electrical upgrade work at this time. An Otter Tail Power bill requires further research.

Skuza offered a solution to speeding on Missouri Drive with stop signs placed at 6th Street, Colorado Avenue and both ends of 2nd Street. Council agreed to proceed.

Anderson reported council members Anderson & Elliott, Judge Sorensen and Auditor attended the city officials meeting with the county sheriff's department. New scheduling and ticketing procedure were explained and proposed contract pricing was presented. Billboard at campground will be removed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Executive Officer: _____

Mayor

Attest: _____

Auditor