

City Council Meeting
March 5, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular council meeting was held at 7 AM with the following members being present: Deb Hengel, Roger Toso, Jay McNamar, John Vankempen and Tom Grout.

Also present: Gail Hedstom, Chris Ray, Roger and LuAnn Rollie, Nathan Porter, Joe LaRue and Miah Ulrich.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated at this time.

Motion by Toso and seconded by Vankempen to approve the February 5, 2018 regular meeting and the February 26, 2018 work session meeting as presented. Motion was passed.

Roger and LuAnn Rollie, residents of Elbow Lake, expressed concerns over the dust and corn shaft particles that the elevator is creating when loading railroad cars. Their yard was covered with them. The south wind was blowing the day that this occurred. They live about three blocks north of the elevator. Mrs. Rollie took pictures of this. Mayor Hengel informed them that they will discuss this with the elevator Manager Al Mashek at the next city council work session meeting.

Committee reports:

Mayor Hengel informed the council that the Grant County Sheriff's department worked 240 hours last month. Mrs. Hengel also stated that she attended an advisory meeting which was set up by the sheriff's department and the following items were discussed: animal calls, unsightly premises and GIS addressing of properties along with law enforcement protection contracts for future years.

Sue Kulbeik, Chamber of Commerce, informed the council that the Secretary of State will be visiting Elbow Lake on March 16 at 1:45 PM. everyone is welcome to attend.

There were no new zoning permits applies for.

Joe LaRue, airport manager, informed the council that there was a sewer backup in the arrival-departure building which resulted in significant damages. This will be covered under the city insurance plan.

Mr. LaRue also informed the council that the airport t hangers and his FBO building were broken into and vandalized. Also there was burglary involved. The law enforcement is involved and the insurance companies have been given notice of this.

The skating rink party was a success, with about 100 people partaking. The skating rink is now closed for the season due to the weather damaging it.

The city received a grant of \$100,000 through the State of MN parks and trails program to be used for a bike trail from the city to the Pomme de Terre Lake. The city is working with the County Engineer to use these dollars for planning.

The remodeling of the Swanson Room and the Senior Citizens room, both located in the Community Building, will start next week.

City garbage rates discussion: due to the absence of Clerk Admin. Treas. Holsen, this will be discussed further at the council work session.

Motion by Vankempen and seconded by Grout to sign the Authorization Application from Airborne Spraying in case the city wants to spray the city for mosquitoes again: Motion was passed.

Government Services building update:

This project is already to start when the weather permits. Contracts have been signed and the one section has been re-bid. The section that was re-bid came under the engineer's estimate, which is a good thing. The only thing that has not been received is a landscaping price for seeding grass, which is not a large item.

Main Street construction update for year 2019:

This project will be bid later this year and the city is finalizing the landscape theme for this project. The city met with MNDot and have decided to go with clay bricks, since they have a longer life expectancy.

The city equalization meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on April 11, 2018.

The regular city work session scheduled for March 19th will be cancelled and the next one will be held on April 16th at 6 PM. The reason is that too many council members will be absent.

Mayor Hengel stated that the council will hold a closed meeting on March 7th at 6 PM to discuss the results of the pay scale, pay equity report and job descriptions as a result of the consultant, Paul Ness, findings. The council will decide whether to implement this or not at this meeting. The city employees would have to agree to this also.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Toso to approve the bills payables as presented. Motion was passed.

Motion by Grout and seconded by McNamar to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Linda Olson for Jeff Holsen
Acting Clerk