

City Council Meeting
April 2, 2018

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

Absent: Jay McNamar.

Also present: Greg Jacobson, Gail Hedstrom, Miah Ulrich, Chris Ray, Dean Ellis, Nathan Porter, Sue Kulbeik, Samantha Butcher, Johanna Butcher and Anisea Henning.

The Pledge of Allegiance was stated at this time.

Motion by Toso and seconded by Grout to approve the March 5, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the March 7, 2018 special meeting minutes as presented with one correction with the time, should be 7 PM instead of 7 AM in the March 5th meeting. Motion was passed.

Committee reports:

Mayor Hengel reported on the monthly meeting with the Sheriff's office. The hours worked were close to what was projected for the month.

Miah Ulrich, Tipsinah Mounds, reported that the first installment payments from the seasonal campers are coming in with a due date of April 1st. All the seasonal sites are full again, with three new ones.

Supt. Jacobson reported that CASA 1 project will be going out for bids shortly and the city will probably have to advertise for summer help, as the one that worked last year might have taken a full time job after graduating from college.

Sue Kulbeik, Chamber of Commerce, reported that the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new fishing pier at Tipsinah Park will be on June 8th at the park and everyone is welcome to attend. This will be in conjunction with the Lake Association's Annual meeting.

Roger Toso, power commission member, reported that the electric utility voted to contribute \$15,000.00 toward the purchase of a new loader for the City of Elbow Lake.

The new door closers for the community door bathrooms have been installed.

Nathan Porter, Elbow Lake Fire Chief, reported that the new washer and dryer are now up and working.

City garbage rates discussion:

Do to the increased tonnage of garbage being generated in the city, the rates need to be increased to cover the increased cost in the County contract. The city garbage committee met and came up with a recommendation for the council to consider adopting.

Discussion: Clerk Admin.Treas. Holsen reported that the city garbage committee met and after much work came up with the following rate changes to the garbage charges to keep up with the rising costs of the County contract due to the tonnage increase of garbage in the city.

Motion by VanKempen and seconded by Grout to adopt the following City of Elbow Lake garbage rates to be effective May 1, 2018:

35 gallon container \$14.00 per month

55 gallon container \$18.00 per month

95 gallon container \$21.00 per month

15% increase in all dumpster rates across the board

Voting yes: all present.

Voting no: none

Motion was passed.

Motion by Toso and seconded by Grout to approve the 2018 All County Mutual Aid Agreement as presented by the County Emergency Management committee. Motion was passed.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Toso to approve the 2018 Dog and Cat contracts with the Grant County Humane Society. Motion was passed.

Councilperson Vankempen moved for the adoption of the following resolution and was seconded by councilperson Toso:

Voting yes: all present

Voting no: none

Resolution was duly passed.

Mosquito spraying for this summer was discussed.

Instead of spending the money on an aerial spraying of the city before the Flekkefest weekend, as was done last year, it was recommended to purchase bug beeters, a granular application which works real well to the grounds where the events are held.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Vankempen to purchase bug beeters, a granular application, instead of aerial spraying the city before Flekkefest weekend. Motion was passed.

Announcement:

There will be a ground breaking ceremony for the new Government Services office building construction project at 3:30 PM on April 11, 2018.

The City of Elbow Lake Board of Equalization meeting will be held at 5:30 PM on April 11, 2018 in the city council room.

At this time the council discussed the city pay-step scale and job descriptions for the city employees, which they have been working on developing with the Consultant Paul Ness and city employees over the last couple of months.

Councilperson Toso introduced the following resolution and was seconded by councilperson Vankempen to move for its adoption:

Voting yes: all present

Voting no: none

Resolution was duly passed.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Vankempen to pay the bills payables as presented. Motion was passed.

Motion by Grout and seconded by Toso to adjourn the meeting at 8 PM.

Jeff Holsen, Clerk Admin.Treas,