

Due To Excessive Rainfall This Spring, Please Be Sure That You Are NOT Discharging Your Sump Pumps Into The City Sewer System

Summary Minutes Regular Meeting - April 8, 2019

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on April 8, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Call to Order: Acting Mayor Boltjes called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Bruce Boltjes, Ben DeVries, Nikki Reiter and Mark Schutte. Mayor Bieseimeier arrived at 7:15 City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes. Guests: Nobles County Deputy Mike Schei, June Ailts, Sandy DeMuth, Charlotte Dammer.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the March 11, 2019 City Council meeting as presented at the meeting. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

After discussion of the updated accounts payable list, a motion was made to pass the following resolution: Mayor Bieseimeier and Clerk Gruis are instructed to make payment of all regular accounts payable. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Deputy Schei shared that it has been quiet in Rushmore. Staff mentioned that barking dogs have been an issue. Mayor Bieseimeier arrived at 7:15 and then presided over the meeting.

A motion was made to approve the March 2019 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

June Ailts and Sandy Demuth spoke to Council representing the Rushmore Senior Citizen Group. Due to the declining number of members in the group, they are unable to continue with the monthly expenses to keep up the City owned Senior Citizen Building. During past discussions, Council has offered to let the Senior Citizen Group meet at the School Community Room at no charge to them. The letter from June and Sandy, that was passed to Council during the discussion, asked if the City would take over all of the Senior Center expenses and let them continue using the building. Mayor Bieseimeier shared that Council is willing to have the Senior Group meet at the School Community Room at no charge to the group. June and Sandy were appreciative of that offer and stated that the Senior Group will decide what to do with the building contents and will turn the building over to the City on April 30th.

Charlotte Dammer representing the Rushmore Booster Club let Council know what things the community is working on for the Rushmore Celebration on July 12th - 14th. The Booster Club will be having a rummage sale in the school gym Friday through Sunday. They are working to start a tractor ride that will start on Saturday morning, travel a yet to be determined route, and be back on main street from 4:30 - 9:30. The Rushmore Car Show will be back at the School Park on Saturday and they will be using the park shelter. The Rushmore Tavern is planning an event. Sunday will begin with a Community Church Service in the morning at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and the Little League Tournament at the School and Ball Park will start at noon.

Maintenance Report

1. Jason explained that there is a leak on Pond C of the wastewater pond system. MPCA has been notified. Jason contacted Mike Carr from DGR to come out and see what needs to be done to repair the pond.
2. A second draft of the snow removal policy was discussed between staff and Council. A motion was made to adopt the Rushmore Snow Removal Policy as presented. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
3. A gravel bid for Rushmore roads was received from Dean Hokeness Trucking. Councilmember DeVries would like to check to see if the city can be included in the Nobles County gravel bid. Consensus of Council was to try to be a part of the County gravel bid and the gravel bids will be decided at the May meeting.
4. Due to the wet weather pattern, frost boils are a problem this year. Council asked Jason to determine the 4 or 5 worst frost boils and to contact local contractors to see who can dig them up and repair them using a time and material cost.
5. Ellis and Eastern Railway had an estimate of \$4,755.60 for timbers to repair the crossing on West Avenue. That cost would be shared by the city and township, with Ellis and Eastern funding the labor and additional expenses. A motion was made for the City to cost share with Dewald Township and Ellis and Eastern to fix the crossing on West Avenue. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Reiter had a complaint about a sump pump house on the road earlier in the month. If it happens again, a letter will be sent.

There has been a complaint of semi-trucks jake braking on East Avenue. Councilmember DeVries will contact Nobles County and ask them to address the jake braking.

A motion was made to pass the Resolution acknowledging a donation of \$200.00 from Nobles Cooperative Electric and a donation of \$1,695.46 from Cooperative Farmers Elevator to the Rushmore Fire Department toward the purchase of a grain bin rescue tube. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to adopt the small cell wireless facility aesthetic standard policy for all City street light fixtures and poles. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Clerk Gruis asked if Council wants her to try to list a project on the 2020 Minnesota Department of Health Project Priority List. The project needs to be submitted by the May 3rd deadline to be placed on the list. The City would submit the proposal developed by Bolton & Menk in 2017 for a new water tower and water quality improvement. Council asked her to submit that proposal.

Alyssa Meyer sent a letter to Council which stated that the yoga classes held at the Rushmore Community Room are going well, but due to the severe winter weather, they did not meet as scheduled. Alyssa asked for an extension of the room use at no charge until the end of summer. Council felt the community feedback has been positive. Consensus of Council was to grant Alyssa the use of the community room at no charge through August.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Mayor - Scott Bieseemeier
Clerk - Coleen Gruis