

Summary Minutes Regular Meeting - June 10, 2019

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on June 10, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Bieseimeier called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Scott Bieseimeier, Bruce Boltjes, Ben DeVries and Nikki Reiter. Mark Schutte was absent.

City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis Guests: Kelvin Solomon, Brian Gacke.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the May 13, 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.

A motion was made to approve the May 2019 Pledged Securities and to renew Grader Fund CD for 20 months with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Kelvin Solomon spoke with Council regarding the need of a land use permit when installing decorative corner posts, such as a two-panel picket corner post. During the discussion there was also a question about chicken wire used to protect a garden from rodents. A motion was made to develop a policy answering these questions; that we keep the need to complete a land use permit for a decorative corner post, but no setback would be required and no fee would be charged. The permit is needed to document that the owner of the fence is required to maintain both sides of the corner post. Garden fencing must be less than 36 inches and if it is temporary, no permit is required. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Bieseimeier and Coleen had met with Abraham Algadi from Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation. WREDC is interested in helping to market the city properties. Mr. Algadi has a party who may be interested in the bare lots on Thompson Avenue. Mr. Algadi and Coleen worked on putting 2 RFP's together asking that the buyers submit their plan to purchase and improve the properties to City Council. One for the senior citizen building; and a separate RFP for the 9 bare lots on Thompson Avenue. A motion was made to advertise the sale of those two properties through a RFP process and to advertise in the Nobles County Review two times and one time in the Worthington Globe. RFP's are to be returned to City Clerk by July 26th. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. Mayor Bieseimeier commented that Mr. Algadi was very interested in converting part of the Rushmore school building into a daycare center. Council felt that this would be an avenue to pursue with help from NEON and WREDC. A motion was made to have the City of Rushmore become a member of WREDC. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Brian Gacke spoke to Council, saying that he had been in touch with Mr. Algadi and Brian presented to Council his plans for the Thompson Avenue bare lots. Mr. Gacke plans to build a slaughter plant for goats in Rock Rapids, IA. He is looking for property to build a cut and wrap plant for the goat meat. He may be interested in purchasing the 9 lots on Thompson Avenue to build the plant on. He shared that the first building for cutting and wrapping would be a cold floor. He would run daytime hours using a USDA inspection process. Mr. Gacke is looking to

market his product in the Cities, Sioux Falls and Internet sales. He does not plan to have walk in retail in Rushmore. Brian would like to get the building footings in by fall and plans to have approximately 5 workers in the cut and wrap plant. There was some discussion between Mr. Gacke and Council about the cut and wrap process and what the electric, water and sewer needs would be for the plant. Mr. Gacke was given a copy of the RFP for the Thompson Avenue lots and asked to return the completed RFP by July 26th.

A land use permit request from Taylor Boltjes of B3 Storage was handed out to Council for a storage unit building at 104 S. Thompson Avenue. Bruce Boltjes represented the project, saying that this would be the first of possibly three rental storage buildings on this property. The building will be 70' by 16' with 8' sidewalls, made with wood and steel siding. The steel siding will be a clay color with a dark maroon steel roof and it will be built on the existing cement slab. With Councilmember Boltjes abstaining, a motion was made to approve the permit for the 70' X 16' storage shed. Seconded, Mayor Biesemeier, Councilmembers Reiter and DeVries voted in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance items were discussed:

1. Staff explained that Mike Carr from DGR had submitted DGR Project #818750 to MPCA to repair Pond C of the wastewater pond system. MPCA asked for minor changes and then bids were requested to repair the system. No bids have been received from contractors. Consensus of Council was to contact local contractors and have them do the project for time and material.
2. Tonka water completed replacing the media and needed fittings to the water plant filter. Test results for the removal of iron and manganese are very good.
3. Several ballasts need to be replaced in city hall and the shop. Gary's Electric gave staff a verbal bid to convert lights to LED lights. A motion was made to have Gary's Electric convert the lights to LED lights. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.
- 4 Calcium Chloride of Rushmore streets was discussed. Due to the severe frost boils on many streets, and the extra expense for gravel and road repairs, the city will not spread calcium chloride this year.
5. Nobles County notified staff that the damage from frost boils during spring flooding might be covered under FEMA. This is a change from previous FEMA disaster coverage and is just a possibility.

After some discussion, Council asked staff to send a letter to a homeowner regarding the land use permit issued to him to reside and attach the garage to the house, as the one year allowed has expired. Also requested to send letters to homeowners about trailers not following the parking ordinance.

Minnesota Deed notified the City of Rushmore that our application for a Minnesota Small Cities Development Program Grant (Rehab Housing) was approved for funding in the amount of \$287,500.00. Coleen will need to attend a training session in Mankato in June. Contracts will need to be signed and applications will begin to be accepted in September. Projects may start as early as November.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor - Scott Biesemeier
Clerk - Coleen Gruis