

## ***Summary Minutes - Regular Meeting - March 11, 2019***

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on March 11, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Scott Bieseemeier called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following members present: Scott Bieseemeier, Bruce Boltjes, Ben DeVries, Nikki Reiter and Mark Schutte. City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes. Guests: Matt Widboom, Nobles County Deputy, Jerry & Nancy Krull, Gary Brink, Nick Harberts, Ashley Kass.

Mayor Bieseemeier asked the Nobles County Deputy if he had anything to share with Council. He said it has been quiet in Rushmore. A Councilmember shared that he had been approached by a resident regarding suspicious activity. The Deputy said they will keep an eye on the neighborhood.

Jerry and Nancy Krull requested a land use permit for a new 3 bedroom /2 bathroom 56 ft X 28 ft modular home at 512 3rd Street. This home will be placed north and south on the lot with permanent piers and will have a deck facing toward the existing garage. Jerry and Nancy Krull plan to use the existing water and sewer connections, but they plan to make sure that they are suitable to rehook to the city system. Gary Brink attended the meeting and explained how electric service would be established to the new home. Clerk Gruis explained the Nobles Home Initiative. She previously made Jerry and Nancy aware that the City does participate with the Nobles Home Initiative for new home property tax abatement for five years. A motion was made to approve the land use permit for a 56 ft X 28 ft new modular home from Jerry and Nancy Krull for 512 3rd Street. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Nobles County Commissioner Matt Widboom visited with Council. Matt updated Council regarding the railroad. The railroad plans to take out the electric box by Gary's Electric. It has not been used in several years. No stop sign or cross arms are planned for the CR 13 RR crossing. Summer construction for Nobles County will focus on bridges. Nobles County is also looking at a local option sales tax to fund road maintenance. Matt explained that a new county library is still being considered and that he feels it is important to make a decision about the library and not keep it on the back burner. Council shared that they have not heard positive comments about the new library or the local option sales tax and that some people feel that it will keep people from shopping in Nobles County. Matt thanked Council for their input.

Ashley Kass and Nick Harberts attended the meeting to keep in touch with Council about the progress with the new ownership of the Rushmore Tavern. They feel that things are going well and they are building the customer base.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the February 11, 2019 City Council meeting and the February 25, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as presented at the meeting. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

After discussion of accounts payable, a motion was made to pass the following resolution: Mayor Bieseemeier 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 February 2019 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

### **Maintenance Report**

Jason updated Council, saying they have been busy with snow removal and dumping additional water to keep the water tower from freezing up. They are cleaning storm water intakes now to keep ahead of possible street flooding. Citywide Spring Clean-up has been scheduled for April 30th. Maintenance has started the pre-discharge testing to begin spring discharge at the wastewater ponds. Discussion was held regarding who maintenance could contact if we would experience an emergency water break in town.

Larry shared that he is interested on getting LED lights in the grader for better visibility. Jason asked Council if he should look into a 2001 tandem axel diesel dump/plow truck that is listed on Craig's List. Discussion included how it was equipped, and if it would fit in the gray shed.

Clerk Gruis shared that her office computer, which is eight years old, has been shutting down unexpectedly and requested that it be replaced as soon as possible. Discussion was held regarding replacing the computer with a laptop computer with a docking station. A motion was made to order a new laptop computer with a docking station for the city clerk. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. Mayor Bieseimeier and Clerk Gruis will research which laptop system to order.

Discussion was held regarding the applications received for the part-time cleaning position for the City. After reviewing the applications, a discussion was held regarding the best person for the job, and an appropriate starting wage. A motion was made to offer the part-time cleaning position to Mary Jane Mardesen. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

The City of Rushmore Tax Equalization Board of Appeal Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22nd at 2:30 p.m. A quorum of Council is needed for this meeting.

Clerk Gruis told Council that SW Minnesota Housing Partnership submitted the Small Cities DEED Rehab Housing Grant application. We will be notified in June of 2019 if we qualified for a grant.

Mayor Bieseimeier spoke to Council about an e-mail from LMC asking cities to pass a resolution which supports funding for all state transportation, but specifically requests dedicated state funding for city streets. A sample resolution was presented to Council. Council discussion was in regard to if any new state legislation would bring any extra tax dollars or fee dollars back to rural Minnesota or our city. No action taken.

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

Mayor - Scott Bieseimeier  
Clerk/Treasurer - Coleen Gruis