

Summary Minutes Regular Meeting - May 13, 2019

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on May 13, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Bieseemeier called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following members present: Scott Bieseemeier, Bruce Boltjes, Nikki Reiter and Mark Schutte. Ben DeVries was absent. City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes. Guests: Kelvin Solomon, Nick Harberts, Ashley Kass.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the April 8, 2019 City Council meeting as presented at the meeting. After discussion of the updated accounts payable list, a motion was made to pass the following resolution: Mayor Bieseemeier and Clerk Gruis are instructed to make payment of all regular accounts payable. A motion was made to approve the April 2019 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest.

Kelvin Solomon presented Council with a new land use application for a dog fence kennel project. After discussion of all three land use applications for 309 1st Street. 3 individual motions were made and seconded to approve these three land use permits; A dog kennel fence in the back yard; a 12' X 22' deck attached to the front of the house, a three sided wind break with privacy panels.

Nick Harberts and Ashley Kass inquired if the Senior Citizen building is going to be listed for sale. Consensus of Council was to promote the sale of that building and other city owned lots. Staff was instructed to contact WRDEC for help marketing all of the properties and getting a RFP together asking potential buyers their business plan for the properties.

Kathy Strehle submitted a land use permit for a garage at 308 N. Drake Avenue. A motion was made to approve the permit for the 21' X 20' garage.

A staff update was presented to Council regarding the activity during the ice storm/power outage April 10th - 13th. Clerk Gruis updated Council about the FEMA meeting. Two companies were looked at to begin an text/e-mail alert system that would help to communicate with residents during any emergency situation. Consensus of Council was to use Municipal Impact alert system that is a part of our website contract.

Maintenance Report

1. Staff explained that Mike Carr from DGR has submitted DGR Project #818750 to MPCA to repair Pond C of the wastewater pond system. Once approved by MPCA, staff will request a bid from Henning Construction and Dunnink Construction to repair the system.
2. Tonka Water arrived today to replace the media and needed fittings to the water plant filter. They are making good progress and the project should be completed by Tuesday.
3. The city was unable to be a part of Nobles County gravel bid. The gravel bid for Rushmore roads from Dean Hokeness Trucking was reconsidered. A motion was made to accept the bid of Class 5 crushed gravel from the Kenneth pit, and to gravel the roads as needed.
4. Frost boils on 2nd Street, Seney Ave and by the School were dug out and repaired by Reker Construction.
5. Calcium Chloride of Rushmore streets was discussed. Due to the severe frost boils on many streets, and the extra expense for road repairs, it will be decided at the June meeting if calcium chloride will be used for dust control this year.
6. Consensus of Council was to have Mosquito Control of Iowa spray the City of Rushmore for the mosquito season.

Discussion was held about tiling the worst of 3rd Street to fix the frost boils. Discussion was held about tiling all of the City streets as a first step toward paving the streets of Rushmore. A motion was made to have a preliminary study done by engineers for a road drainage project. A motion was made to have staff contact engineering firms Bolton & Menk and Widseth, Smith & Nolting for preliminary reports to start a two step process of road drainage and paving Rushmore roads.

Larry would like the Sheriff Department notified about trailers not following the parking ordinance regarding parking on the streets. He also noted that unleashed dogs are in danger of being hit by cars.

Minnesota Dept of Health Annual Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report, again showed good test results for safe drinking water conducted by the State on the City drinking water supply. This report will be posted and is available at City Hall. The request to be added to the State of MN Project Priority List was submitted by May 3rd. This request was to start the grant/low interest loan process to replace the current water tower and to improve the drinking water system.

A motion was made acknowledging a donation of \$3,300.00 from Nobles Cooperative Electric to the Rushmore Fire Department toward the purchase of SCBA's for our firefighters.

Mayor - Scott Bieseemeier
Clerk - Coleen Gruis