

## ***Regular Meeting – October 14, 2019***

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on October 14, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Acting Mayor Bruce Boltjes called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following members present: Acting Mayor, Bruce Boltjes, Ben DeVries, Mark Schutte and Nikki Reiter. City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance-Larry Lupkes. Guests: Dennis Rick, Michael Harberts, Stan Fagerness, John Fagerness, Matt Schlichte, Wendall Wagner.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the September 9, 2019 City Council meeting as presented at the meeting. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. After discussion of the accounts payable list, a motion was made to pass the following resolution: Acting Mayor Boltjes 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 September 2019 Pledged Securities. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to redo the maturing Sewer WIF Replacement certificate of deposit. That we set aside \$50,000.00 to start a WIF replacement MMDA to pay for the engineering and reconstruction of Pond C, and the balance will be made into a new 13-month CD with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Acting Mayor Boltjes turned the meeting over to Dennis Rick, with the auditing firm of Dennis L. Rick, LTD. Mr. Rick gave an overview of the audit process and explained the sections of the 47-page City of Rushmore financial audit report prepared by his firm for the 2018 financial year. In 2018 the City's net position from operations increased by \$36,640.00. The governmental activities increased the City's net position by \$32,695.00. The city's business-type activities increased the net position by \$3,945.00. Mr. Rick explained that the State of MN recommends a 67% general fund balance on hand, the City of Rushmore has 113% general fund balance. A motion was made to accept the 2018 Financial Audit as presented. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Michael Harberts was the spokesman for three homes outside of Rushmore city limits that would like to hook on to the City of Rushmore sewer system. Nobles County ordinance requires septic drainage systems be brought up to code upon the sale of the property. Three homes are requesting to hook onto City of Rushmore sewer system for a one time hook up fee and a monthly sewer fee as all Rushmore homes pay. Clerk Gruis asked if these properties were open to being annexed into the City of Rushmore. The property owners did not feel that would be their best option. Consensus of Council was to have staff check into what would be a fair hook up fee for each home without annexing the properties, and a minimal hook up fee if the homes were to be annexed into the City.

Discussion was held regarding the process to apply for a USDA Rural Development grant/loan application to replace the water tower and to upgrade the existing water plant or connect to a rural water system.

After discussion of the request for a deck, a motion was made to approve a land use permit for a 16' by 8' attached deck to the front of his home at 216 N. Ludlow Avenue.

Maintenance items were discussed: Henning Construction completed the reconstruction of pond C. The fire hydrant at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Seney Avenue was replaced. An estimate from Buysee Roofing to repair or replace the school building roof was looked at. Council would like information on replacing the flat roof with a rafter roof before any decision is made.

Council discussed the applications for the temporary part time office assistant. A motion was made by that a special meeting be held in November to interview three candidates.

Clerk Gruis shared the email from Minnesota DEED that our application for the Child Care Economic Development Grant has been denied.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Acting Mayor – Bruce Boltjes

Clerk - Coleen Gruis