

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE AT RUSHMORE CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH. CITY OF RUSHMORE POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. Check out the new website for the City of Rushmore! www.rushmoremn.com There is a link to a copy of the sample ballot for the City of Rushmore. We also have sample ballot copies available at City Hall.

The November City Council Meeting Will Be Held On Wednesday, November 14th at Rushmore City Hall at 7:00 p.m. due to City Hall being closed on Monday, November 12th for the Veteran's Day Holiday.

Summary Minutes Regular Meeting - September 10, 2018

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on September 10, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Gregg Harberts called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Gregg Harberts, Bruce Boltjes, Mark Schutte and Shirley Vis. Carol Hieronimus arrived at the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes.

Guests: Daniel Folkers, Nikki Reiter, Nobles County Deputy, Rob Wiertzema, Brett Boltjes, Taylor Boltjes.

Mayor Harberts and Council visited with Daniel Folkers regarding his Eagle Scout project. Daniel stated that the Welcome to Rushmore wooden sign is currently being built. Discussion was held about placement of the sign and it was decided to place the Welcome to Rushmore sign at the corner of 5th Street and East Avenue. Daniel estimated that it would take one day to install the sign.

Council visited with Nobles County Deputy regarding any reports from the Sheriff department. The Deputy reported he had no concerns.

Rob Wiertzema from Cooperative Farmers Elevator visited with Council about the possibility of gaining a 36' by 150' easement from the City. This would be City of Rushmore ballpark property adjoining the elevator. Rob would like to know if Council is open to the idea of granting the easement. If the easement is preliminarily approved, Rob will present the bin expansion project to CFE corporate level. Council asked staff to check with the City attorney for advise regarding wording an easement to make sure CFE would be responsible for build up of the driveway and all infrastructure and road maintenance of the driveway in the future.

A motion was made to sign the purchase agreement selling the West 124 feet of Lot 4 and the West 124 feet of the South 20 feet of Lot 5, all in Block 2, City of Rushmore, Nobles County, Minnesota also known as parcel # 29-0004-000 to Brett Boltjes and Taylor Boltjes for \$1.00. This sale is contingent on a storage rental unit or other business being built on the property within two years of closing. Seconded, with Councilmember Boltjes abstaining, all other members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the August 13, 2018 City Council meeting as presented. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Council was given an updated list of accounts payable. Consensus of Council was to include the contract with Cooperative Energy for 5,000 gallons of propane for the upcoming heating season. A motion was made to pass the following resolution: Mayor Harberts 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 August 2018 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report

1. Jason has requested a quote to replace the media for the pump house water filter from Tonka. If Tonka does not respond, Jason will contact another company for a quote.
2. Maintenance completed the installation of the four panel Aztec climber with pea rock fall protection and landscaping at the school park. The Lyon County Riverboat Grant documentation was submitted.
3. Discussion was held regarding Star Engineering. They specialize in preventative maintenance for electrical systems and were recommended by Nobles Cooperative Electric. They will meet with Gary Brink and Jason this week to explain their program.
4. Fall discharge of the lagoons will start next week.
5. Maintenance will do the semi-annual clean and recharge of the water filter at the pump house.
6. Harlan Groenewold made a bracket for the old lift station to utilize the same model of pump that we use in the new lift station. Council asked Jason to purchase a new pump to put into the old lift station.
7. The driveway application for Thompson Avenue for snow removal was approved by Nobles County. Consensus of Council was to ask Todd Homan to cut the curb and put in the driveway.

The 2019 Budget was discussed. An increase of \$4,050.00, which is approximately a 3% increase to the tax levy was presented to Council. A motion was made to approve the 2019 preliminary budget as presented. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to pass the Resolution Adopting the 2018 Tax Levy, Collectable in 2019 which lists the General Fund Certified Net Levy at \$135,000.00. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. The certified net levy will be submitted to the Nobles County Auditor.

A motion was made to pass the Resolution to Accept the gifts from Dennis King and Larry & Gloria Long to the Rushmore Fire Department. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Staff had questions regarding League of Minnesota Cities Insurance coverage. Currently the City lagoon system is not covered under the City insurance policy. A motion was made to add insurance coverage of the City lagoon system and to keep the Workers' Comp deductible at \$0.00. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to pass the Resolution to Adopt the Nobles County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Harberts, Councilmember Vis, Clerk Gruis attended the Rehab Housing Grant public meeting held earlier in the evening. SW Housing Partnership handed out the survey packets to all who attended and explained the timeline and how the program works. The remaining surveys will be mailed out to the residents and are to be returned to SW Housing Partnership by October 1st. They will evaluate the surveys and will make a recommendation for our October meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor - Gregg Harberts
Clerk - Coleen Gruis