

Pennock City Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Pennock City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pennock Community Center. The following members were present Mayor Kevin Crowley, Council members Jeff Arends, Bruce Bastin and Jerry Kolden. Absent was Dave Miller. Also present were Donavan Peters, Deputy Jared Lange, Perry Schmidt with Center Point Energy and Residents Chuck Diederich, Jim Kidrowski, Laurie Miller, Brian and Lisa Pantekoek, and Andrew and Jaleesa Stengel.

Mayor Crowley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Council member Bastin to approve the January 4th Council minutes, Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

The bills were presented. Motion by Council member Kolden to pay all the bills, Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Motion by Council member Arends to accept the agenda as presented; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Deputy Jared Lange presented the sheriff’s report. For the month of January there were 62 hours.

Perry Schmidt with Center Point Energy was present to give an update on bringing Natural Gas to the north side of town. He stated that he has received approximately 37 applications. He gave two high level estimates that include 80% directional bore, surplus commercial credits and a SWPPP. The first scenario includes the new residential development credits and the cost per customer is \$2300. The owner of the development (the city) would be responsible for the cost of the remaining lots. The second scenario doesn’t give credit for the new residential development and the cost per customer is \$4300. In both scenarios the cost per customer is based on everyone agreeing to the price.

This is an “**ONLY AN ESTIMATE**” with the commercial service lines without any boring for commercial service lines. This is also a breakdown based on the worst case scenario of all new applications not receiving the footage credit.

Baseline= 36 residential customers (28 rec CR and 8 don't) + 28 city owned lots + rec'd commercial applications. The commercial ROI is subject to change. I estimated the svc footages.						
Baseline cost per customer = ~\$2277						
residential base	res added	total res applications	city owned lots	total res customer base	estimated cost per customer	cost to city
36	0	36	28	64	\$2,277	\$64K
36	14	50	28	78	\$1,869	\$52K

36	24	60	28	88	\$1,656	\$46K
36	34	70	28	98	\$1,487	\$41K
36	44	80	28	108	\$1,349	\$38K
***This cost breakdown down is based on worst case scenario of all of the added residential customers NOT receiving the footage credit. ***						

If a resident has dual heat they would not receive the credit. Natural Gas has to be the primary heat source to receive the credit. The City will do research on bonding options. If you have not completed an application and are interested in natural gas you are to complete an application and send to Center Point Energy.

There were no residents for the Citizens Forum.

OLD BUSINESS

An update was given on the property at 233 NW 3rd Street. Clerk Johnson informed Council that the order that was approved at the January 4, 2017 council meeting was sent to the Sheriff’s Office in Columbia, SC to be served on the owner – that is what the statute requires. City Attorney Liedman has not received a Certificate of Service back from the Sheriff’s Office in Columbia, SC. Attorney Liedman stated that it is hard to predict a time frame in advance because it depends on how busy the Sheriff’s Process Service Department is, and how hard it is to find a live person at the address we have for the owner.

Mayor Crowley updated the Council on the Convenience Store sale. Mayor Crowley stated that the closing is scheduled for February 15, 2017 with Quality Title.

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Johnson presented a contract for the preparation and audit services of the financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 from CDS (Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP). Motion by Council member Arends to sign the contract with CDS for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016; Council member Kolden seconds the motion. The motion passed.

It was mentioned that there was a resident that has an issue that there is not room in the cardboard dumpster when he comes to recycle his cardboard. It was stated that several boxes are not broken down. It was decided that there would be a second dumpster added and look at relocating the dumpsters by the recycling shed but residents are also reminded that they need to ***“BREAK DOWN THEIR BOXES”***.

It was mentioned that there was a resident that was concerned about the LP and anhydrous trailers that are parked in the City vacant lot on the south side of Atlantic

Avenue NW. Council did not feel that there was a risk or a concern being they are empty trailers.

It was mentioned that there is still a resident that has concerns with semi's running their engines in the Cities vacant lot on the south side of Atlantic Avenue NW. It was decided in November to put up signs but the City is not able to put posts into the frozen ground. The City and the Sheriff have been working with the drivers to try and work with the issue.

It was requested to purchase a Flexible Shutoff Rod. It was approved to purchase one.

It was requested for Maintenance Employee Peters to be able to attend the MRWA Water & Wastewater Conference on March 7 – 9, 2017 in St. Cloud, MN. It was approved for Maintenance employee Peters to attend.

It was mentioned that there were several lights in the new shop that are not working. Clerk Johnson presented a quote from Freetly Electric Inc. to replace the lighting in the new shop and the old shop with LED lights. Motion by Council member Bastin to have the lights replaced to LED fixtures in both shops; Council member Kolden seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Crowley mentioned that Joe's Auto Repair is looking at putting a new additional driveway on the south side of his building to Winnebago Avenue. Mayor Crowley mentioned that there is a ditch and there would need to be a culvert put in. No action was taken.

Mayor Crowley mentioned that it was time to renew the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Policy. Motion by Council member Kolden to renew the Umbrella Liability Policy and do not waive the Municipal Tort Liability Statue; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Mayor Crowley mentioned that he spoke with Paul Shimek from Century 21 Kandi Realty, Ltd to list the lots in the Dirk's Fourth Addition. Motion by Council member Bastin to have Century 21 move forward with listing the lots for a year; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

There was a letter received from Resident Crowe at property 306 SE 3rd Street requesting to be able to raise some animals. He would like to start with poultry and then when he would get the fence reinforced would like a couple of pigs and a beef cow. Council didn't see a problem being he is out of town and has acreage and doesn't have very close neighbors. Motion by Council member Kolden to grant Mr. Crowe permission to have those animals; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Resident Kidrowski mentioned that the grass at the brush site is getting plowed up on the west end and when you dump brush on the north side after it rains it gets muddy and it is congested and was questioning as to where the property lines are. And he also stated

whoever farms the land west of the brush site road turns around on the road and gets mud and corn stalks on the brush site road.

Resident Kidrowski mentioned that the boards at the lift station were put on upside down. The tongue and groove should be down so that the rain does not run into the slots.

Being no further business Council member Kolden made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Official minutes will be approved at the Tuesday, March 7, 2017 Council meeting.

Dawn Johnson
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer