

Pennock City Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Pennock City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The following members were present Mayor Kevin Crowley, Council members Dave Miller, Jeff Arends, Bruce Bastin and Jerry Kolden. Also present were Deputy Ross Johnson, Donovan Peters, Troy Hamstad, residents Gaylen Thompson, Mike Schackman and Jim Kidrowski.

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

Motion by Council member Arends to approve the August 2nd Council minutes and August 24th Special meeting minutes; Council member Bastin seconds the motion. The motion passed.

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

Deputy Ross Johnson presented the Sheriff's report. For the month of August there were 56.25 hours.

Newly appointed Council member Jerry Kolden was sworn into his official oath of office as a Pennock City Council member.

Resident Schackman was present in regards to what the status was with the property at 233 3rd Street NW. Mayor Crowley mentioned that there is a procedure that the City has to follow in a situation like this. Clerk Johnson mentioned that she has been work with City Attorney Jay Liedman and Building Inspector Mike Jacobson.

Resident Schackman also mentioned that the property at 221 NE 2nd Street has been burning garbage in their burning pit. Clerk Johnson will send a letter to the home owner.

Resident Schackman also mentioned about water in the alley by 2nd Street NE and was wondering if it would be possible to put in a drain. Mayor Crowley said that when Larry Kidrowski is in town will have him take a look at it.

Resident Schackman asked he should complete a separate natural gas application for each property and he was informed to complete a separate application.

Resident Schackman asked about mosquito spraying. Clerk Johnson said that the city was planning on spraying Thursday evening.

Resident Kidrowski asked if the City would spray for mosquitoes along the drainage ditch south of the ballfield. Mayor Crowley said if we start one area we would have to do all.

Resident Kidrowski also asked Council member Jerry Kolden when he signed up for the vacant Council position.

Resident Kidrowski asked about cutting a boulevard tree by 2nd Street SW. Mayor Crowley said that yes the City is responsible for boulevard trees, but if it not a danger at the present time and not next to the house, just need to keep an eye on it.

Resident Thompson was present stating how he was disturbed as to what happened with the newly hired city maintenance employee pay versus the other water/sewer/maintenance employees.

Mr. Hamstad brought up that he would like to have 3rd Street SE with “No Parking” on one side of the street. Mayor Crowley said that it will be looked into.

OLD BUSINESS

It was asked what the pressure washer and air compressor status was. Mayor Crowley said that the city should purchase each one. Council member Arends made a motion to purchase both an air compressor and a pressure washer; Council member Kolden seconds the motion. The motion passed.

It was mentioned that Clerk Johnson mailed applications for Natural Gas with the August utility bills to residents on the north side of town. Residents have until October 15, 2016 to return all applications.

NEW BUSINESS

It was mentioned that there are a couple of trees at the Community Center that should be cut down along with a boulevard tree along Atlantic Avenue NW. Council member Bastin made a motion to have Hurley’s Tree Service cut the trees down; Council member Miller seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Clerk Johnson presented a proposal for the amount of \$1400.00 received from Safety First Compliance Management, Inc. for them to help the City to be in compliance and meet hazardous and safety standards/statutes. Council member Kolden made a motion to accept the proposal for one year and then review it after the year; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

The 2017 preliminary budget was presented; the budget will increase 4% from last year with the Proposed Levy being \$150,433.00. The final budget will be reviewed in December 2016 and at that time the budget can be decreased but not increased. Council member Bastin made a motion to accept the preliminary budget as presented with adjustments made on General Expense Fund and Sewer Fund; Council member Arends seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Propane contract price was reviewed. Dooley’s Petroleum was \$.99 per gallon. Motion by Council member Miller to accept Dooley’s Petroleum at \$.99; Council member Kolden seconds the motion. The motion passed.

It was mentioned as to having a Fall City Wide garage sale. It was decided not to have a Fall City Wide garage sale but if residents would like to have one on their own they are welcome to.

There was a proposal from Freetly Electric Inc. presented for the installation of the generator and the concrete pad for the amount of \$3646.00. It was decided to table until the October Council meeting.

Mayor Crowley mentioned the water tower design change. It was decided to change the design to strictly “PENNOCK” in black bold letters.

Mayor Crowley mentioned that Bruce Luepke would like to put in a driveway at the property of 222 NE 4th Street so that a person can do off the street parking.

Mayor Crowley mentioned that resident Laura Pederson at the property of 413 NW Dakota Avenue said that the gutter on the north side of the road holds water. She was inquiring about putting in a drain, will need to take a look at.

There was a proposal from Sweeney Controls Company presented for three different options for controls that would monitor the lift station and the wells. Daily readings would be sent to the city computer. No decisions were made at the present time.

Mayor Crowley mentioned that the city had to make some improvements to the well by putting in a new stand pipe and a larger pump. The next step is that there needs to be a bacteria sample taken and wait for the results and if looks good, hopefully the tower will be up and running within a couple of weeks.

Being no further business Council member Kolden made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Council member Miller seconds the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dawn Johnson
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

