

Minutes from 10-13-2022 Council meeting

5:30 PM Meeting called to order by Nathan McAlister, Mayor Pro-tem.

Roll call taken. Present were council members Brandon Patrick, Arnie Kesselring, Jack Stone, Heather Bielenberg. Missing Mayor Tom Wardyn. Other people present were LeeRoy Wagner, Michael Mcalister, Don Olesen, Gina Arnold, and Brayton Bonney. Guests were William Brenny, Bob Veenstra, Clint Fichter, Norma Olesen, and Shaylon Bonney

Minutes were read by City Clerk, and discussed by the council. There needs to be a correction made that the October council meeting will be the 13th, instead of the 14th. Motion to approve the minutes with the correction was made by Stone, 2nd by Kesselring. All in favor, no nays. Motion Approved.

Bob Veenstra, Jr. of Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. provided the City Council an update on the lagoon project. Veenstra discussed the advantages to the city of moving the lagoon north about 200 feet. The City Council noted Guthrie County recently acquired ownership of the only property that would be required to waive the IDNR 1,000 foot, site separation distance. The City will approach Guthrie County about seeking approval for the site waiver to about 750 feet. Bill Brenny, owner of the eastern property where the lagoon will be located, discussed with the City his thoughts and concerns regarding the project. Mr. Brenny indicated he is generally supportive of the Council's decision where to locate the lagoon. Mr. Brenny asked the City to be cooperative during the process and to try to minimize the impact on his property. Mr. Brenny wants to insure there was access to the remaining field area and any field tile that would be encountered during the lagoon construction would be rerouted. Mr. Brenny asked the City to work with him if it was possible to have a Section 1031 property exchange and to take into account, the impact of the lagoon facility on the farming operations on the remainder of his property. McAlister will approach the Guthrie Co. supervisor about getting the separation waiver to allow the lagoon project to be moved to the north 700-1,000 feet. Moving forward the process will be to put a notice in the paper for Imminent Domain, as well as send out letters to the property owners. There needs to be a resolution made to set a public hearing to acquire the land at the December 8, 2022 council meeting. Patrick made a motion to adopt the resolution 1-10-13-22 to set a public hearing for the December 8, 2022 meeting to acquire the land for the lagoon project. Kesselring made the 2nd. Roll call vote was taken with Stone an aye, Bielenberg an aye, no nays. Motion carried. There also needs to be a resolution to hire and appraiser for the land for the lagoon project. Patrick made a motion to adopt resolution 2-10-13-22 to hire an appraiser for the lagoon project. Kesselring made the 2nd. Roll call vote was taken with Stone an aye, Bielenberg and aye. No nays. Motion approved.

The water/sewer report was given by Michael McAlister. There are issues with well's #1 & #3. Discussion was had about the condition of well #2. Gail with Northway came to look at well #2 to determine if it could be used as a backup well. As it is the well is listed as a standby well, or temporary well. It would need an inspection to see what condition it's in. Clint discussed the different possibilities for funding a water project, along with the different grants that are available. We need to get a proposal ready along with a list of all the things that need updated at the water treatment plant, and what it would take to run new lines. Michael reports that the seals around the ground storage tanks need cleaned, that hopefully will get done within the next month.

Discussion and action on the claims. Stone made a motion to approve the claims, Patrick made the 2nd, all in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the rates for the garbage and landfill. This is determined per capita on what our census is. The last update on Bayard census was 405 people. Gina will call the Treasury of Iowa to find out what they use for our Road Use Tax.

Discussion and action on the financials. Kesselring made a motion to approve the financials, Patrick made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays, Motion carried.

Discussion about Beggars night in Bayard. It will be on October 31, 2022 and there will be several places around town that will have treats for the kids, and the Bayard Fire Department will be serving hot dogs.

Discussion and action to renew Sparky's Alcohol License. Stone made a motion to approve the renewal. Patrick made the 2nd, Bielenberg an aye, Kesselring a nay. Motion carried.

Ambulance report- None

Fire Department- Shaylon Bonney reports that the fire whistle does not work properly. They have to manually set it off. It was suggested to contact Bob Kempf to get one.

Street report- Leeroy reports that Harmon hasn't made it here to look at main street yet. That is why the blockades are still up around the area by the Post office. Mowing is winding down for the season. He states he will start getting things ready for winter. The stop sign located at 3rd St and 25 has been replaced. There are some street lights out. If you have a light out you can contact Alliant, give them a house # and they will send someone out to replace it.

Stone made a motion to adjourn, Kesselring made the 2nd. All in favor, no nays. Motion carried.

Next council meeting will be Thursday November 8, 2022.

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