

Minutes for January 12, 2015 City Council Meeting

The meeting of the Eureka City Council was called to order on January 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Opp in the councilroom of the Municipal Building with the following present: Mayor Opp, Councilmember's: Bertsch, Billotto, Goehring, Obenauer, Regula, Weisbeck and Finance Officer Ottenbacher. Also present was Jay Koch with Helms and Associates, Public Works Director Guy Boschee, Dennis Heilman and Chris and Kristy Gonska.

A motion was made by Regula and seconded by Weisbeck to approve the agenda with the following addition of the Artesian Well and SD Public Assurance Alliance Policy's. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Jay Koch was present to discuss the sewer line at Prime Time Bar & Restaurant. Jay Koch with Helms and Associates was contacted by Chris Gonska, in regards to pictures that he had taken back in April 2014, when the service line was replaced in front of the Prime Time Bar & Restaurant. Gonska has had his service line Roto-Rooted twice in the last six months (did not have any pictures or videos to share) and is still having problems. Gonska feels the problems are from the prior work and wanted to know what Helms & Associates was going to do to fix the problem. Koch contacted Duinick, Inc. to come and televise the service line to make sure there were no warranty issues involved. Duinick, Inc. came on Wednesday December 16, 2014, to televise the line. They began at the west end of the building dropping 65 feet into the main and at 48 feet they found the cast iron pipe was filled with grease and could not get through the line. Koch and Public Works Director Boschee then decided to call Sewer Duck from Aberdeen and vacuum the line out, so the camera could get through and Boschee wanted to stop the grease from going into the lift station. Once it was cleaned out by Sewer Duck, Duinick, Inc. televised the line again and was able to get all the way to the sewer main in the street. The televising was not able to record elevation and slope of the lines, but it did show water flowing out to the street and a sag in the line under the Prime Time building, but no disconnection or sags in the pipe that was repaired initially. The Council felt that the work needed to be done to make sure there were no warranty issues from our recent wastewater project. Beings there were no warranty issues the parties have the right to bill the individual directly. Gonska said, "He did not hire any crews to do any of the work and should not have to pay the bills." But Koch said, "You contacted me and wanted it fixed." A motion was made by Obenauer and seconded by Goehring to pay the Helms and Associates bill in the amount of \$1,832.20, as it was on behalf of the City and deny the Sewer Duck bill in the amount of \$721.25 and the Duinick, Inc. bill in the amount of \$4,210.13. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch no, Billotto no, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula no and Weisbeck no. Motion failed 4-2. A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Bertsch to pay Helms and Associates and Sewer Duck. Bertsch yes, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer no, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Motion Passed 5-1.

Duinick, Inc. will be billed directly to Prime Time Bar & Restaurant.

Jay Koch and Chris and Kristy Gonska left the meeting.

Carmen Weber, Pat Grenz, Keith Kramlich and Connie Woehlhoff all joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Regula to approve the Final Engineering Invoice for Helms & Associates. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Billotto to approve the Certificate of Acceptance for Dahme Construction Co. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Hospital Administrator Carmen Weber was present to ask the City to assist in the proposal of a new hospital with an assisted living attached. They are applying for loans with the United States Department of Agriculture-Rural Development and Rural Electric Economic Development. They would like to apply for the Community Development Block Grant if the City would allow them to be a pass through entity. They will also have a Community Fund Drive and all funds will fall under the Eureka Community Benevolence Hospital Association. A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Weisbeck to be a pass through entity for the hospital, if they qualify, for a Community Development Block Grant opportunity. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Carmen Weber, Pat Grenz and Keith Kramlich left the meeting.

Deputy Ted Smith was present for the monthly police report. Deputy Smith had 138 city hours, 35 county hours and has finished all of the required police training. The Council did ask that he check into Out of State licensed vehicles getting South Dakota plates after the 90 day required period by South Dakota Law.

Public Works Director Guy Boschee was present for his monthly report. The Finance Officer will normally send a copy of the code enforcement letters to the Councilmember's and it was not done last time. The standard code enforcement letter is being reviewed. The International Property Maintenance Code Book for code enforcement was discussed. Finance Officer Ottenbacher will check if there is an updated version of the International Property Maintenance Code Book, along with an updated versions of the Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings, Uniform Housing Code and Uniform Building Code. The Ordinance for the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code Book will be sent to the attorney for review.

The light poles at the park need to be straightened. The lights work but the fuse panels are not water proof and there is a chance of getting electrocuted. Boschee was asked to get an estimate on the cost to replace these poles.

It was suggested to have the State Plumbing Commission come out and check for grease traps at all businesses that are required by the Uniformed Plumbing Code. It is not required by State Plumbing Code that residents need to install grease traps. The grease buildup is very hard on the lift station and it gets cleaned out whenever a truck is in the area. This was tabled for the next meeting.

Asphalting of the streets will be done in 2015. It would be cheaper to replace the curb and gutter prior to laying the asphalt. Property owners will be responsible for the asphalt if it is done later. Letters will be sent to those that need some curb work done and give them the option to replace it before the asphalt is laid. The chipping will be held off until 2016. The curb and gutter ordinance should be shared with the residents when purchasing building permits.

The Mayor asked Boschee to let the Council know when they are blading the snow and then KOLY Radio could be notified for residents to move their vehicles. It was suggested to slow down when blading the streets. The Mayor thanked Boschee and Duquette for cleaning the streets during the last snowfall.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Regula to approve the minutes with the following change: The write-off amount should have read \$697.17 rather than \$612.25. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Goehring to approve the financials as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Obenauer to approve the bills with the exception of Duininck, Inc. in the amount of \$4,210.13. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

December Financials:

Finance Office - \$4,380.79, Gen. Gov't. Bldgs - \$174.26, Streets - \$1,628.98, Snow Removal - \$2,481.40, Sanitation - \$436.36, Park - \$352.72, Library - \$665.51, Water - \$969.94, Sewer - \$800.35

December Financials:

Wastewater Project:

Dahme Construction, Pay Est. 7 SRF 16 - \$16,290.52

Airport Project:

Duininck, Inc., runway rehabilitation – Non-FAA - \$717.49, Duininck, Inc., runway - \$22,785.96, Duininck, Inc., runway - \$71,966.42, Interstate Engineering, airport engineer - \$11,560.41, Interstate Engineering, airport engineer - \$9,600.00, Interstate Engineering, airport engineer - \$11,253.61

Bank of America, Amazon books - \$355.67, Bank of America, Amazon books - \$17.93, Bank of America, Amazon books - \$260.62, Bantz, Gosch & Cremer, attorney fees - \$2,255.34, Butler Machinery, repairs & maintenance - \$33.72, Cash, stamps - \$57.33, Center Point Large Print, books - \$175.00, Dakota Backup, computer backup - \$141.45, Dakota Country Store, fuel & flowers - \$1,481.61, Duquette, Brandon, mileage - \$82.50, Eureka Community Development, 2nd half payment - \$10,500.00, Eureka Community Hospital, 2nd half payment - \$6,250.00, Eureka Plumbing & Heating, steel pipe - \$8.15, Federal Licensing Inc, publication fees - \$119.00, Goodnough, Mike, customer deposit - \$75.00, Grainger, multi gas detector - \$1,989.00, Great Plains Bank, water utilities - \$14.15, Great Plains Bank, water project - \$1,694.00, Haney, John, customer deposit - \$50.00, Heartland Waste, sanitation fees - \$5,071.80, Hemmingson, Ron, hauled snow - \$43.70, House of Glass, repair ambulance door - \$335.49, JP Lumber, supplies - \$196.60, Ken's Food Fair, clean supplies - \$7.45, Les's Standard, repair boiler valve - \$83.41, Lyle Signs, Inc., sewer and office building signs - \$116.93, Lyle Signs, Inc., boiler sign - \$43.80, Matheson, acetylene - \$8.68, McPherson County Auditor, police contract - \$6,516.04, McPherson County Highway Dept., county helped with houses - \$1,821.83, Montana Dakota Utilities, utilities - \$4,349.73, Northern Plains, mixing salt - \$194.75, Northwest Blade, minutes & advertising - \$363.25, Ottenbacher, Bobbi, mileage - \$17.15, Postmaster, stamps - \$98.00, Premier Equipment, LLC, snow blower & repairs - \$896.65, Radiant Heat of SD, ignition module for heater - \$205.03, Rott, Gerald, customer deposit - \$75.00, Servall, cleaning supplies - \$100.14, SD Dept. of Revenue, drivers license - \$270.00, SD One Call, message fees - \$3.14, SD Plumbing & Commission, plumbing books - \$240.00, SD Register of Deeds, documents - \$13.00, SD Retirement, retirement - \$1,338.08, SD State Treasurer, sales tax - \$495.62, SD Unemployment Insurance, unemployment tax - \$6.44, Strood, David, customer deposit - \$75.00, Sweet, Laura, customer deposit - \$75.00, The Stop, gas - \$68.00, Valley Telecommunications, phone utilities - \$310.44, Wellmark, health care - \$2,187.56

January Bills

DENR, discharge permit - \$1,500.00, Eureka Pioneer Museum, donation - \$3,000.00, FEM Electric, utilities - \$963.59, First National Trust, clean water - \$16,918.99, First National Trust, drinking water -

\$3,342.03, Great Plains Bank, payroll - \$3,184.53, NECOG, 2015 Dues - \$1,508.99, WEB Water, utilities - \$5,467.14

A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Regula to approve the building permit for Northern Plains. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Regula and seconded by Billotto to approve the Employee Wage Resolution 2015-1 as presented. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Resolution 2015R-1
2015 Employee Wages

WHEREAS, the City of Eureka has municipal ordinance which specify the salaries, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eureka has the power to establish the amount of salaries, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Eureka has determined the amounts of the following hourly salaries for the year 2015.

Darvin Ackerman - \$8.50 per hour, Paulette Bauer - \$12.50, Guy Boschee - \$20.25 per hour, Brandon Duquette - \$17.25 per hour, Susan Fischer - \$12.25 per hour, Elizabeth Jundt - \$10.75, Roberta Ottenbacher - \$17.00 per hour.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Eureka adopt these amounts that apply for salaries to become effective retroactive to the beginning of the January 2015 pay period.

The salary for Mayor is \$275.00 per month plus \$30.00 per special meeting, and the salary for Councilmembers is \$175.00 per month, plus an additional \$30.00 per special meeting, payable quarterly. Substitute librarians or other workers will receive \$8.50 per hour.

Dated this 12th day of January, 2015.

Mark W. Opp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bobbi Ottenbacher, Finance Officer

Surveying property for the Land Water and Conservation Grant was discussed. The Finance Officer will send legal descriptions for the property to Stellner Engineering to get a better estimate for the land that needs to be surveyed.

If anyone is interested in attending the Government Day in Pierre, they should contact the Finance Officer in the next day or so.

A motion was made by Bertsch and seconded by Billotto to approve Interstate Engineering Invoice 21462 and the FAA Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$11,200.00. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Connie Woehlhaff was present to represent the BLEWH Group. The BLEWH Group purchased 4.71 acres of city land a few years ago with the intent of future development, but there were water issues and it would have been too costly to develop the land. They purchased the land for \$720.00 per acre plus the surveying costs. Their proposal to the City is the current assessed value of \$4,024.00, with the City being responsible for all closing fees and transfer fees. The land would be put back into park land for the qualifications needed for the Land and Water Conservation Grant Fund application. This Grant was approved for \$40,000.00 to be used for park renovation. A motion was made by Regula and seconded by Weisbeck to purchase the land for \$4,024.00 plus closing costs and transfer fees. A roll call vote was taken. Bertsch abstain, Billotto yes, Goehring yes, Obenauer yes, Regula yes and Weisbeck yes. Motion passed with Bertsch Abstained.

Connie Woehlhaff left the meeting.

The SD Public Assurance Alliance is taking over the duties of Hagan Benefits. A motion was made by Weisbeck and seconded by Regula to enter into an Intergovernmental Contract to reaffirm the City of Eureka's membership in a local government risk pool to be known as the SD Public Assurance Alliance which replaces Hagan Benefits. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

A resident dropped pine branches in the grass bin on December 4, 2014. A letter will be sent with a fine assessed.

Scott Heimer was contacted again in regards to the Artesian Well repair. Heimer feels the problem is within the first 15 feet. The pipe is very corrosive and is eating away the steel, so the repair needs to be completed as soon as possible. Heimer will need to do the work.

Letters were sent to 606 7th Street and 608 7th Street in regards to sidewalk snow removal. Sidewalks have been cleaned.

The Eureka Booster Club would like to sell raffle tickets for a half of beef. They will begin sales on January 13, 2015 and sell through the end of February 2015. The money raised will be used to benefit the Eureka School for activities such as the post graduation party. A motion was made by Billotto and seconded by Obenauer to approve the raffle for the Eureka Booster Club. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

The personnel policy needs to be reviewed. It will be sent to the attorney for guidelines.

A 2014 Kathryn Schulkoski Public Library Report was provided by Librarian Susan Fischer for the Council to review.

The City will advertise for Lifeguards for the 2015 summer season.

A motion to adjourn was made by Billotto and seconded by Goehring to adjourn at 10:06 p.m. All voted Aye. Motion Carried.

Mayor – Mark W. Opp

ATTEST:

Bobbi Ottenbacher – Finance Officer