

City of Peterson

Agenda for:

January 4, 2011

- 1) Swearing in of Office: Mayor: Jennifer Wood, Council Member: Gail Boyum, Council Member: Bill Grindland, Council Member: Chuck Eidenschink read oath out loud & signed document. On file in clerk's office.
- 2) Meeting was called to Order at 6:04 pm by Mayor Wood
- 3) Minutes from Previous Month: Lolly Melander (Addition or Corrections) approved as, on file in clerk's office. Motion carried.
- 4) Treasurers' Report & Bills Due: Lolly Melander (Hand out given) on motion by Chuck Eidenschink, second by Gail Boyum to approve report & pay bills. Motion carried.
- 5) Visitors Comments or Concerns:
 - A) JoAn Smith – suggested that the date of Council meetings be moved back to the second Wednesday of the month instead so more bills could come in & be paid. Council explained that's not the problem these bills are from December & moving the date back would cause these bills to be late. No further discussion.
- 6) Update from Rick Lee – Public Works Director:
 - A) Rick Lee stated Ashbrook will be here tomorrow (Wednesday) to check the flow from the aeration tank to clarifiers. The piping is currently too small.
 - B) The brushes on the auger will be replaced by the manufacture, not city.
 - C) Rick Lee questioned the Council about attending the entire meeting or could he leave after his items have been discussed. Council asked that he stay for the entire meeting just in case they have question later in the meeting.
- 7) Old Business:
 - A) League MN Cities Conference (Jennifer Wood & Gail Boyum). Lengthy discussion about City paying fee for this conference. Mayor Woods feels that the networking is a valuable thing & should really take advantage of this opportunity. On motion by Gail Boyum, second by Chuck Eidenschink to deny the request. Motion carried. 4 yes, 1 no.
 - B) Bid for mowing City Property – Gail Boyum asked if this could be opened up for open bids. Lengthy discussion about the City bidding process (Pros & Cons). On a motion made by Jan Smaby to direct council member Chuck Eidenschink with input from the public works director, Rick Lee to request a complete informal bid from Dale Schwanke for mowing of city property with the understand, based on past city experience; we have the choice to open this up to a Annual bidding process, second by Bill Grindland. Motion carried. Tabled until February.
 - C) Creamery Building Closing; scheduled Friday Jan 7th at 4pm in Rutger's Law Office in Rushford. No council member needs to be present.
 - D) Thank you to Kim & Kyle Chile for helping clean out the Creamery Building
 - E) Thank you to Mike Eidenschink who helped clean the City Streets in December on Main Street
 - F) Thank you to Rick Lee for doing a good job cleaning the streets with all the snow we have had in December.

G) Thank you to Pat & Linda Kelly (Root River Inn B & B) for decorating the City Gazebo again this year with Christmas lights.

8) New Business:

A) Slate of Offices:

- Depository: Marine Credit Union - Peterson
- Official Paper: Tri-County Record - Rushford
- City Attorney: Tom Minion
- Set Time for Monthly Meeting (Currently 6pm) Mayor Would likes to move the time back to 7pm. After some discussion the council decided to leave time at 6pm.
- Acting Mayor: Jan Smaby
- Insurance: League of MN Cities
- Auditor: Pam Ristau - Preston

Motion by: Chuck Eidenschink Second by Jan Smaby. Motion carried.

B) Wieser Brothers Pay Request #5 - \$67,916.11 & Pay Request #6 - \$19,403.46; on a motion by Chuck Eidenschink second by Jan Smaby to approve Pay requests. Motion carried.

C) Jan Smaby asked that we set aside some time in March or April to look at budget & think about the what ifs for the future. This would be part of agenda.

D) Bill Grindland volunteered to take our policy for electric, water & sewer to get assistance from Tri-County Electric to come up with a more detailed policy & description.

9) Adjourned at 7:00 on a motion by Jan Smaby, second by Gail Boyum. Motion carried.