

City of Peterson

Minutes from February 11, 2009

Present: Dick Lee, Jan Smaby, Randy Benson, Tim Hallum, Chuck Eidenschink & Lolly Melander
Guest: Rick Lee, Jennifer Sass & Kevin Graves

1) Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Lee at 7:08 p.m.

2) USDA (Jennifer Sass) & WHKS (Kevin Graves) Update on WWTP

- Kevin: Engineer Report began WWTP 2004
- Kevin: 2001 reed bed was constructed.
- Kevin: 2006 Environmental Impact Report was done / flood plain issues were resolved with USDA & FEMA.
- Kevin: 2008 Complete Preliminary Design
- Kevin: Grit removal system removed from the design - estimate \$100,000.00 savings
- Chuck: Why are most of the agreement pages crossed off? Reason: because of the national standard & USDA regulations; not required for Peterson, that's why there are lines through most of the report. This is only the design phase. The next phase (contract) would be done again for construction phase.
- Jennifer: Performs bond & maintenance bond are required for project. More discuss at next's months meeting.
- Kevin: Backup generators are not on this project due to there are two sources of electric going to WWTP already in place.
- Jan - Why cut the grit system? Kevin - To save the City money at this point.
Jennifer - Grit system is not required to have by PCA & USDA.
- Jan: Loan – Grant arrangement & City has been pressured to join with other municipality. Dick – checked with three different engineers & the price to have the Hook-up done with another City would cost as much or more than our current plant would cost. Kevin & Dick met with Rushford Village & both came up with the same conclusion – cost is too high. Jennifer – this is too costly for the City to ship the product vs. putting in new plant. The time frame also would not work.
- Cost overrun – subsequent loan can be done – no grants for over run on project
- If under budget – the grant money must be given back.
- WHKS – responsive bidder – requires that all documents & requirements are met & responsible bidder – requires that the bidder has good track record. We don't have to take the lowest bid.

Motion made by Jan, second by Tim to except the agreement with WHKS. Motion carried.

3) Minutes Report:

Motion made by Randy, second by Chuck. Motion Carried. Approved on file in clerk's office.

4) Treasurer Report

Motion made by Tim, second by Jan. Motion Carried.

5) Bills:

Motion made by Chuck, second by Randy. Motion Carried.

6) Old Business

A) LMC – Waive Liability

Motion made by Jan, second by Randy. Motion Carried.

B) Open Mtg Law (Coverage: 80% - \$280 / 100% - \$335) Waive the fee

Motion made by Chuck, second by Tim. Motion Carried.

7) New Business:

A) Personnel

Jan Recommended a separate meeting – (closed to public). Meeting set for March 11 - 6pm.

B) Clerks 2008 Financial Sheet- change 2009 beginning balance in other accounts to -0-Zero

Motion made by Jan, second by Chuck to close associated bank & transfer funds to Marine Credit Union. Motion Carried. Lolly to give depreciation on equipment for budget – March Meeting

C) Budget 2009 – Review each month

Mower – Have Rick talk with Hammel Equipment & see if we can get something else? Is there another option to purchasing another mower?

D) Mediacom Renewal

Motion made by Tim, second by Randy. Motion Carried.

E) Garbage increase 3%

Motion made by Randy, second by Chuck to increase 4.5%. Motion Carried.

F) Annual Fire Mtg – Jan Smaby & Dick Lee will attend.

G) Marine Credit Union – Update on construction – Yes they are building a new building but no further information on timeframe.

H) Telephone – Lolly & Rick – can we consolidate the phone line instead of having two lines.

Lolly to send letter out to residence regarding only one line & buy two way phones.

I) Gammel Dag would like meet on March 10th at 7pm; Council ok'd the use of community building.

8) Adjourned:

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12pm. Motion made by Tim, second by Randy to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Minutes not approved until next council meeting.