

Minutes of the Council
Meeting
February 11, 2015

The following are the minutes of the Council meeting held on February 11, 2015. In attendance for the Council: Jill Diekmann, Steve Wieneke, Vickie Leinen, Larry Koehne and Mayor Dave Lutmer. Mayor Lutmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the Agenda. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2015 meeting with a correction made on the date of spring cleanup. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Steve it was duly passed to approve the financial statement, pay the invoices and make the stated transfers.

Jaycox Implement Worthington made a written request to install a RTK base station on the water tower for a rent payment of \$200.00 a year. Discussion was held on the details of the installation. Justin will follow up with them for more information. This item was tabled.

Justin Ahlers advised the Council he would be attending the MN Rural Water conference the week of March 3rd. Justin also reported from the meeting with Alliant Energy that they are proposing in the next 3 years rate increases will be 20%. This rate increase is not yet approved. Alliant has been contacted to do an audit on energy efficiency in the fire hall. Justin is looking into possibly upgrading the lighting in the fire hall and city hall, as Alliant has a rebate program available. Spring cleanup will be held on May 4th and 5th and he is hoping that he has workers from Nobles County to help out. On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Jim Wiedert reported for the Fire Department. Jim reported that 5 new firefighter are attending 1st responders training. The building addition is going good. Jim received copies of the bills from B & L Construction and will submit these to the Lismore Area Foundation for funds to help offset the cost of the project. On a motion by Steve and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the fire department report.

Kate McCann gave the clerk's report. Kate advised the Council she would be attending the MN Clerks and Financial Officers conference the week of March 17th. The audit process has begun with information being sent via emails. A date for the in house audit has not been set yet but will inform the Council once it is. Kate advised the Council of the past due accounts for utilities. This month the amount of delinquent accounts is \$2,227 which includes accounts where the water has been turned off for non-payment. Larry brought up the question as to available funds to the public to make home improvements. Kate will research and post any information that is available. On a motion by Vickie and seconded by Steve it was duly passed to approve the clerk's report.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Steve and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next Council meeting will be held on March 11, 2015 at 6:00 pm.