

Minutes of the Council
Meeting
January 2016

The following are the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 6, 2016. In attendance for the Council: Jill Diekmann, Steve Wieneke, Larry Koehne, Vickie Leinen and Mayor Dave Lutmer. Mayor Lutmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Jill and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the Agenda. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the minutes of the Council from the meeting held on December 2, 2015. 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.

On a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to adopt the 2016 Fee Schedule, Resolution 16.1.1.

Justin Ahlers gave the maintenance report. Justin reported the furnace in the fire hall needed to be replaced at a cost of \$2,995. Justin requested and was granted permission to attend the MNRW conference in March in St. Cloud. On a motion by Larry and seconded by Steve it was duly passed to approve the maintenance report.

Fire Department: Jim Weidert reported Nobles County is now texting to cell phones all fire/rescue calls in addition to the pagers. The fire department is having their steak fry on January 24th. Emergency management has a 50/50 grant available for new defibrillators. They would be placed in the rescue van and the Lismore Bar. CPR classes will be taught for use of the defibrillators. Refresher classes will be held in March. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Vickie it was duly passed to approve the fire department report.

On a motion by Steve and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the Appointments for 2016:

- Regular Meeting Dates as: 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm unless the date is too close to the 1st of the month, allowing enough time for bills to come in.
Note: Should Council not be able to hold meeting on this date, change will be posted at City Hall notifying the date change.
- Official Depository is designated as: State Bank of Lismore
- Official Newspaper is designated as the: Nobles County Review
- Official City Attorney: Larry Lucht Law Office
- Official City Auditors: Kinner & Co.
- Official City Engineer: Widseth Smith Nolting

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Sewer Rates: The sewer loan will be paid off in February and the Council discussed the need to adjust the sewer rates accordingly. The Council reviewed several options and on a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to reduce the sewer base rate from \$27.30 per month to \$17.00 and to reduce the rate per 1000 gallons of water used from \$2.40 to \$2.00.

Kate McCann gave the clerk's report. Kate reported that a Larry Koehne has completed the certification for the Local Board of Review and Equalization training. Kate brought up the question of whether there was a need to start a Facebook page for the city as a means of getting information out to the public. Basic information will be provided to the public on such things as a change in trash pick-up days or posting the dates of Council meetings etc. It was decided to proceed with the page. End of the year reports are being worked on along with the start of the 2015 audit. On a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to approve the clerk's report.

With no further business to discuss, on a motion by Jill and seconded by Larry it was duly passed to adjourn the meeting. The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm.