

City of Tea  
 Regular Meeting  
 September 17, 2012

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on September 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: Brian Fowlds, Chuck Ortmeier, Herman Otten, Joe Weis and Todd Boots. Also present was Finance Officer Dawn Murphy, Administrative Assistant/Economic Development Director Jenni White, Police Chief Brian Ketterhagen, Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen and City Engineer Jason Kjenstad. Councilmember Sidney Munson was absent.

**AGENDA. MOTION 12-150. MOTION** by Boots, seconded by Fowlds to approve the September 17 agenda. All members voted AYE.

**MINUTES. MOTION 12-151. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the September 4, 2012 minutes. All members voted AYE.

**LINCOLN COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.** Harold Timmerman from Lincoln County Emergency Management was present to give his annual presentation on emergency management procedures if a disaster would occur.

**468<sup>th</sup> AVE.** Jason presented 5 different options for improving 468<sup>th</sup> Ave. The gravel could be chipped sealed; the roadway could be widened; reconstruct the roadway and replace the gravel; reconstruct the roadway and replace with an asphalt rural section; or reconstruct the roadway to a half urban asphalt section. There was also a brief discussion on doing a cost share with the school for connecting sewer to the High Point lift station for their proposed concessions building. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

**REYNOLDS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMETN SITE PLAN.** Kevin presented and recommended approval of a site plan for Reynolds Construction Management. **MOTION 12-152. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Otten to approve the site plan for Reynolds Construction Management, Tract 13B of D & L Industrial Addition. Members Weis, Otten, Boots, and Ortmeier voted AYE. Member Fowlds abstained. Motion carried.

**ATHLETIC PARK PHASE 2 BIDS.** Earlier in the day the following bids were opened for Phase 2 of the Athletic Park Complex:

	Estimate	Swift Contractors Inc.	Ronning Commercial	Schwartzle Const.	W.S. Const. Mgmt	Golden Rural Const	Welfi Const.	Sunkota Const.	Daniels Const.	Peska Const.
Gross Base Bid	497,856.00	403,000	416,000	417,500	428,272	433,000	434,000	437,000	438,850	439,000
Alternate 1	169,207.65	114,000	119,000	94,500	105,227	127,000	108,000	137,000	112,800	115,000
Alternate 2	12,730.50	22,000	21,950	45,000	7,142	22,000	27,000	21,000	46,540	21,500
Alternate 3	11,685.00	13,500	13,400	15,151	3,061	13,800	15,750	13,000	27,700	13,000
Total Bids with Alternate	691,479.15	552,500	570,350	572,151	543,702	595,800	584,750	608,000	625,890	588,500

Alternate 1 is for adding a storage/patio area; Alternate 2 is to add metal to the roof of the base project; and Alternate 3 is to add a metal roof to Alternate 1, storage/patio area. A letter has been received via email from the apparent low bidder WS Construction Management asking to withdrawal their bid because of mistakes made on their pricing of Alternates 2 & 3. Confluence recommends awarding the project to Swift Contractors. **MOTION 12-153. MOTION** by Boots, seconded by Ortmeier to award the Athletic Park Phase 2 Project, Gross Base Bid and Alternates 1, 2 and 2 to Swift Contractors for a

total of \$552,500 to be paid for out of surplus money in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Penny Sales Tax Fund. All members voted AYE.

**STREET LIGHTS.** There have been past discussion on adding additional street lights on 1<sup>st</sup> St. and on Brian St. Excel Energy already has the poles in place on 1<sup>st</sup> St., which can be used for the lights. Southeastern Electric would need to install the poles and lights. **MOTION 12-154. MOTION** by Fowlds, seconded by Weis to approve Excel Energy to install 8 street lights on 1<sup>st</sup> St., between Main Ave and Heritage Parkway for \$1,103.44; and approve Southeastern Electric to install 6 street lights on Brian St. between Cole Ave and the swimming pool for a cost of \$19,500. All members voted AYE.

**SEWER RATE INCREASE.** During the budget process it was determined sewer rates need to be increased to meet the SRF rate covenants. Rates have not been increase since 2006. **MOTION 12-155. MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Weis to increase sewer rates from \$18.00 per month to \$20.00 per month effective with the November billing. All members voted AYE.

**ORDINANCE 217.** The council held the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 213. **MOTION 12-156. MOTION** by Ortmeier, seconded by Fowlds to approve and adopt Ordinance 217, 2013 Appropriation Budget. All members voted AYE. The ordinance will be published separately.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Chief Ketterhagen will be getting prices on a video system for the truck. Thad is going to finish up replacing the Badger meters before the end of the year. There will be a ribbon cutting at Fitness First on September 24 at 5:15. The TEDC membership mixer is September 27 from 5-6:30 at Pizza Ranch.

**MOTION 12-157. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Fowlds to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. All members voted AYE.

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John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer

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