

City of Tea
Regular Meeting
March 17, 2014

A regular meeting of the Tea City Council was held at Tea City Hall on March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor John Lawler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present: Sidney Munson, 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 Clark Baker, Utility Superintendent Thad Konrad, Planning & Zoning Administrator Kevin Nissen and City Engineer Jason Kjenstad.

AGENDA. MOTION 14-44. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Fowlds to approve the March 17, 2014 agenda. All members voted AYE.

MINUTES. MOTION 14-45. MOTION by Fowlds, seconded by Ortmeier to approve the March 3, 2014 minutes. All members voted AYE.

JIM IHNEN was present to ask the council if they would be open to issuing a beer license for a new casino he would like to open in the old Verizon space. It would meet all zoning requirements and it would be considered.

CONCESSION STAND EQUIPMENT. Vick Pick introduced Everett Johnson to the council. Everett will be running/organizing the concession stand as part of his senior project with Vicki supervising. They have put together a list of equipment that is needed and the costs. The Tea High School Baseball team and the youth group from St. Nicholas Catholic Church are interested in working concessions and Everett will be responsible for scheduling the workers. The city will be purchasing and setting the prices for the items sold. **MOTION 14-46. MOTION** by Weis, seconded by Boots to approve the list of equipment submitted. All members voted AYE.

MAIN AVE. EXTENSION. Kevin has been contacted by John Schwartzle asking for the city to install the Main Ave. Extension, north of 271st. St. He would pay half of his portion and the city would have to assess his remaining portion and the adjacent landowners. The city has budgeted to pay its portion of the over sizing on the project. Kevin will contact Mr. Schwartzle and ask for an agreement for the project and will also contact the adjacent landowner to see what his thoughts are on the potential assessment.

468th AVE. PIPE. Jason went through the plans for the 468th Ave. storm sewer pipe. There are a few Xcel Energy power poles in the way however Xcel is willing to work with us during construction. All the pipe should remain in the existing right of way. The project will be bid in August for work to begin in October/November.

ENGINEERING. Sidewalk letters have been sent out to those that did not respond last fall. The Water/Sewer Master Plan will be reviewed at the next meeting at 6:00 p.m. There have been a few complaints on the lack of a pedestrian crossing at 271st St. and Main Ave. Possible temporary options were discussed. Chief Baker will also monitor the traffic speeds in that area.

SURPLUS PROPERTY. MOTION 14-47. MOTION by Ortmeier, seconded by Boots to declare the scale load cells and indicator/readouts at the elevator surplus property. All members voted AYE.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. There was a lengthy discussion on platting procedures. Chief Baker explained the new finger printing procedures and hours. New hours can be found on the city's website. There is water leak on North Heritage. The water has been turned off and will be fixed when weather permits. The SDML District Meeting will be at the Tea Events Hall on April 10th.

MOTION 14-48. MOTION by Otten, seconded by Fowlds to go into executive session at 8:01, pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 regarding contracts. The council came out of executive session at 8:31.

MOTION 14-49. MOTION by Otten, seconded by Munson to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. All members voted AYE.

John M. Lawler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn R. Murphy, Finance Officer