

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 28, 2016

Members Present: Tyrel Clark, Bryan Cornell, Tony Nelson and Ray Schuchard

Members Absent: Kurt Holst

Staff Present: Community Officer Deputy Johnson; Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor; and Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Employee Recognition: Brad Boice, Public Works Supervisor was presented a plaque as recognition and a thank you for ten years of employment with the City of Eyota. Thank you Brad.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Introduction: John Austinson introduced himself as an Eyota citizen running as a candidate for the House of Representative in District 26B.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to approve the consent agenda item 4.A as presented. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

4.A. Minutes of the April 14, 2016 regular Council meeting

REPORTS:

Community Officer: Deputy Johnson reported calls have increased, it is normal for spring. However, please keep your doors locked and garage doors closed, etc.

Eyota Days Coverage: Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Nelson to authorize requesting one additional deputy for both Friday and Saturday night during Eyota Days, eight hours each; to be paid by the City. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

DESCASD Sewer Board: Schuchard reported assets of \$1,239,833.29. No response has been received, as of yet, to their permit application. One of the two sections of the plant has been shut down for the summer, normal procedure due to lower seasonal flows.

Planning Commission: No report, no meeting was held in April.

Economic Development Authority (EDA): Clark reported on Arbor Gardens: there are four open assisted living apartments, memory and independent units are all full, accounts payable aging has improved dramatically and bids have been requested for deck replacements. Cornell reported the EDA financial information and the EDA discussed the Minnesota Design Team visit and ideas.

Façade Improvements: The Council requested the improvement application from Simply Stylin Hair Studio be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to reimburse Eyota Antiques \$1,500 for the final expenses to complete the façade improvements. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Public Works:

Water Tower Cleaning: Boice contacted four companies, two supplied bids. Boice recommends having the outside cleaned and rust spots painted by Water Tower Clean & Coat, Inc.

Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to authorize Water Tower Clean & Coat, Inc. clean the tower for \$3,500 and fix the rust spots for up to \$2,500. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Street Crack Filling and Sealing: The bids for street repairs came in much lower than expected. Boice recommended doing additional crack filling and sealing; and doing additional miscellaneous repairs with budgeted funds from both the Street Repairs and Seal Coating accounts and some of the \$28,224 received in 2015 from the State of Minnesota through its Small Cities Assistance Account. Seal coating funds will be used to make the minor repairs.

Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to accept the bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC (to do crack routing, cleaning and sealing) for \$32,400; using the \$25,000 budgeted in Street Repairs and the balance to be paid from the Small Cities Assistance Account. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

Clerks Report:

Community and Economic Development Associates Annual Meeting: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to approve Marlis Knowlton attend the CEDA annual meeting in Preston, May 13, cost will be mileage. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Greg Brehmer's Ditch 310 Carolann Street NW: Greg Brehmer's property is adjacent to the pedestrian trail that was constructed in 2015 through the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources grant. Mr. Brehmer is not satisfied with the results of the construction and is requesting the ditch be regraded, different dirt brought in and sodded. Improvement ideas were discussed. Brad Boice was requested to get cost estimates to regrade, get dirt and sod. Brehmer was requested to sign a right-of-entry permission form, which he did. Minnesota Department of Transportation will also need to be contacted regarding permission to work in their road right-of-way.

Minnesota Design Team Visit – Lake Eyota: When the Minnesota Design Team visited, one of their suggestions is to make the Second Street Wetlands into a lake. Currently the City Engineers are working on a scoping report to be submitted to create additional wetlands on this parcel. It should be decided now if the City wants to continue the plan to create wetlands or to pursue creating a lake. Kathy Gust, citizen and Eyota Days Committee Chair suggested creating Make the Lake Committee; Clark agreed citizen support and engagement is welcomed. After discussing general ideas along with pros and cons of the lake idea, the Council instructed Knowlton to contact the City Engineers and ask them to provide a cost estimate for a feasibility study to create a lake.

Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the accounts payable with the addition of \$1,500 approved to Eyota Antiques, total payable amount of \$42,440.38. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.C"

Other Business: None.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to adjourn the meeting. Ayes 4, Nays 0. Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Tyrel Clark
Mayor



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer