



**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2015 6:00 pm**

- **CALL TO ORDER:** at 6:00pm
- **PLEDGE OF ALIGENCE:** Completed
- **ROLL CALL** – Vetch, Bissen, Lonkoski, Albrecht, Mayor Walsh
- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA:**

1. Consent Agenda:

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- 1.1** Minutes: April 7, 2015
- 1.2** Bills Payable Through: May 1, 2015 *Introduce*
- 1.3** Consolidated Balance Sheet: May 1, 2015 *Cassandra Hanan*
- 1.4** Resolution Davison Family Donation of \$1,500.00
- 1.5** Resolution approving Application and Signatures DNR Hazard Mitigation Grant
- 1.6** B&G Sales 18 Gal. Recycle Containers (100) @ \$670.53 shipped

Motion made by Vetsch to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Albrecht, all in favor, motion passed

2. Water/Waste Water/City Engineer : N/A

3. Library/City Hall:

Librarian Bissen - Last of the 36 LED bulbs have been installed. Discussion held on remaining fixtures to be replaced. Discussion held on Hokah Heritage room.

4. Police Dept.: N/A

5. Streets / Maintenance : N/A

6. Recreation Board:

On track with registration and meeting being held on the 12th at 6:00 at City Hall.

7. Planning Commission / Zoning :

Application on Ash Street, Rod has not heard back from her yet. Pat Grodevent is going to demolish her house and put a Winona Homes house on the lot, initially she was going to be too close to street, so she will move it back. Issues with getting crane in for demolition. Discussion held on this application and where heavy equipment can drive. Also there is a spot available on the board, Jonah Ross would like to sit on that board, this is OK with the Council.

8. Items for Consideration:

8.1 Tom Danielson Insurance -

Presentation of the review of various coverage the City has. Similar to last year, not included yet is the flood coverage on the Sewer Treatment plant; cost has gone up quite a bit throughout the country. Work comp will stay high for one more year, and then it should drop back down. Discussion on work comp claim from 3 years ago in order to bring the new council members up-to-date. Work Comp rates have gone up state-wide also. Page 1 gives an idea of what the rates have done from last year to this year. Councilman Vetsch – there will be a change to the Fire Dept vehicles. Blank – correction on the year on the Bobcat. City will have the volunteer coverage again this year. Blank - Discussion held on the need to have someone to sit in with Cassie to reconcile the accounts. This is beneficial for insurance purposes. According to Berkley Risk, it should be a council member. This would be monthly. Rebecca would be interested in doing this. More discussion on insurance coverage and various options you can add. Coverage is replacement cost on the buildings.

9. Council Member's Comments:

Bissen – Have they done Main Street with the street sweeper? Blank, not yet, they will try tomorrow. Bissen – Have U talked to anyone about cutting the trees down along the creek by the ball park? Blank, yes and I have some more to talk about that here yet tonight too. Bissen – on the street sweeper, the price we got was a delivered price wasn't it? Blank – I believe so. Bissen – I am new to this, it has never come up when I was around but, I hear a lot of comments from the public about City Employees parking on Main Street. People and businesses would appreciate City Employees park in the City Parking Lot so when they want to stop at the bar or stop and pay their water bill, they can park right in front of the door. Blank – I never or very rarely park in front of the building, I park to the side. I have discussed with Bob and he has an Emergency Vehicle, so he has to be in front of the building. Bissen – I know that's a whole different deal to me. With the limited parking on Main Street I have always felt we need every spot we get, and that was the whole intent of putting in the City Parking Lot. Someone – the entrance is changing to town, everything is cleaned up there. Put some plants by park, we dug up a lot of the daylilies. 4-H Club did a lot of trimming. Discussion on historical signs needing to be handicap accessible.

10. Mayor's Comments: N/A

11. Staff Correspondence:

Blank – The State is considering starting the Hokah Forever Wall project tomorrow, they asked if we had any objection to them starting now rather than in June, I said no, with the exception we don't have the limited use permit ready to go for the Hokah Forever Sign, I am talking with them, Martell and Crest Precast, and the people tearing down the wall, the trees and the house, etc. It could start tomorrow. Lonkoski – we need to get a picture taken. Blank, I have taken pictures as they want an artists rendering of what it looks like.

James Scholze is looking for donation for trees, the ones by the ball diamond have died. City Council rejects the idea.

Part-time Season Help – Every year we employ some youth from the recreation program, 20 hrs a week starting June 8 to the middle to end of July, 8 am to noon to paint, trim etc. Personnel request the individual have a drivers license and able to mow. Vetch – last year someone cleaned the bathroom and it was a waste of time because they did not clean them well.

Administrator Blank discusses the vacant lot of the former Horse Shoe/Junction Inn. Parking Lot, and trees by the creek by ball diamond, – I think we need to clean it up, get the debris out of there, open it up, good for floods, so does not hang up on stuff. Need to talk to people, put together something to do with that Horse Shoe lot, like a Farmer's market or something; Raised Community gardens, discussion follows. Agree to have maintenance cut down trees along the stream by Fire Department, Horse Shoe lot, and Ball Park.

Cassie – we are all caught up with taxes and I am learning and hope everyone will continue to be patient while I continue to learn everything. Audit is this week.

12. Correspondence Received:

13. Announcements Next Council Meeting: June 2, 2015 @ 6:00pm

14. Items for next Agenda:

15. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mayor Walsh and seconded by Lonkoski all approved, meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.