

November 13, 2017

The Stromsburg Mayor and City Council met in Regular Session Monday, November 13, 2017 at 5:35 p.m. at the City Office. Advance notice was published in the Polk County News Thursday, November 9, 2017, posted at the City Office, Economy Hometown Market, and the U.S. Post Office Thursday, November 9, 2017, and agendas were electronically delivered Thursday, November 9, 2017. Members present were Ken Everingham, mayor; Doug Lamoree and Terry Larson, councilmembers; Nancy Bryan, city clerk/treasurer; Jim Papik, city attorney; and Pat Powell, natural gas commissioner/assistant city supervisor. Also present were Dan Cramer, Dave Haggadon, Bob Johnson, Dwaine Ladwig, Tom Manning, Shirley Manning, Deb Seymour, and Vern Tallman. Lois Burke and Dennis Nuttelman, councilmembers, were absent.

Ken Everingham, mayor, called the meeting to order and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Bob Johnson gave the opening prayer. Mayor Everingham gave notice that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at the back of the room for anyone interested. There were no changes to the agenda or citizens present with business not scheduled on the agenda.

Dwaine Ladwig, Polk County Sheriff, was present to give the October, 2017 police report. Lamoree moved, Larson seconded, to go into executive session at 5:39 p.m. to protect the public interest to discuss a law enforcement matter. Lois Burke arrived at 5:40 p.m. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved. Ken Everingham, mayor, restated the reason for the executive session is to protect the public interest to discuss a law enforcement matter. Those present were Nancy Bryan, Lois Burke, Dan Cramer, Ken Everingham, Dwaine Ladwig, Doug Lamoree, Terry Larson, Jim Papik, and Pat Powell. Lamoree moved, Larson seconded, to come out of executive session at 5:55 p.m. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved. Burke moved, Lamoree seconded, to accept the October, 2017 police report. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson, voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved.

Larson moved, Burke seconded, to approve the October 23, 2017 minutes. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson, voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved.

Nancy Bryan, city clerk/treasurer, presented the September, 2017 treasurer's report. Lamoree moved, Larson seconded, to accept the September, 2017 treasurer's report. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved.

Tom Manning, Shirley Manning, and Deb Seymour were present to discuss Deb Seymour's property at 215 Central Street. Pictures of the house taken November 13, 2017 were reviewed as well as a summary of the issues with the property. Only two of the nine items have been completed, which are the removal of the swimming pool and removal of the unlicensed vehicles. Mr. Manning stated Green Realty is going to list the property. They have worked to clean up the yard. The house is 117 years old and is a historical property. If the property does not sell they will have it burned as they do not have money to fix it. The City requested Mr. Manning talk to the realtor to determine how long the realtor is willing to have the property listed before the family decides to either burn or demolish the structure. By the November 27, 2017 city council meeting, Mr. Manning is to let Ken Everingham know how long the property will be listed before it is either burned or demolished. Mr. Manning also stated he would have Chuck

Rasmussen look at the property.

Discussion was held regarding billing landlords for unpaid water and sewer charges. The issue was tabled until the next city council meeting.

Lamoree moved, Larson seconded, to introduce **Ordinance Number 1186** to increase water rates and waive the three reading rule. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved. Lamoree moved, Larson seconded, to approve **Ordinance Number 1186** to increase water rates. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved.

Jim Papik, city attorney, reported he is working on an agreement with Gayleen & Wayne Nestor concerning the Highway 81/West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street drainage project. The Nestor's have indicated they are satisfied with the work. Mr. Papik was contacted by a property owner asking if they can rent a property without utility service. The arboretum appraisal is almost done. The title search on the arboretum has not been completed. Ron Colling, county attorney, has contacted Mr. Papik regarding the Deb Seymour property. Mr. Papik has spoken with Grant Miller regarding the various items on the planning commission agenda for November 14, 2017.

Nancy Bryan, city clerk/treasurer, reported she attended the last Legislative Committee meeting. Due to the anticipated budget shortfall at the state level, it is anticipated that all forms of state aid will be potential budget cuts including Municipal Equalization which provides 18% of the general fund receipts. If Municipal Equalization funding were cut, Stromsburg would be able to replace most of the funding through property taxes; however, many cities and villages would not be able to do so as they are already at their maximum property tax levies. Senator Erdman from the western part of the state plans to introduce a bill that would give a state income tax credit to everyone that equals 50% of what they paid in property taxes to their school district; however, there is not plan for funding the expected \$1.1 billion cost of the tax credits. NBCS reports are almost ready to be reviewed and signed. The auditors will be at the office on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. After the auditors come, the office staff will be working on cleaning out records passed the required records retention period. Checks for the band stand fundraising are to be made payable to the Polk County Foundation but sent to the city office so that staff can keep track of the donations received. This is the same process used for the swimming pool fundraising. Mrs. Bryan is working with Kirby Roth to have an administration bill received from Ascensus for the 457(b) changed as the City was billed for an entire year of administration but the plan did not start until September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Pat Powell, natural gas commissioner/assistant city supervisor, reported the City has received a complaint on a property which is being investigated. Jeff Branting is taking down the American flags for winter and will be putting up the Christmas garland. WAW Construction is repairing a portion of the alley behind the grocery store. The snow removal equipment is ready. The survey of the property purchased to expand Buckley Park has been completed. Mr. Powell will be working on two new gas services. One gas service is for a new home and the other is to relocate the service.

Ken Everingham, mayor, reported the Stromsburg sign north of town was on Pure Nebraska on

Channel 10/11 along with a story about a business at Swede Home.

Larson moved, Lamoree seconded, to approve the claims except for the EMT claim. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson, voted yes, Nuttelman absent, motion approved. Larson moved, Lamoree seconded, to approve the EMT claim to Lois Burke. Lois Burke declared she has a conflict of interest due to having an economic interest in the claim. Lamoree and Larson voted yes, Burke abstained, Nuttelman absent, motion approved. Claims approved were **November 2, 2017 NET PAYROLL-\$15,414.78; GENERAL & UTILITIES-\$92,957.05** as follows: A&M Business Printing, su-\$144.70; Allied Electronics, su-\$187.37; Ameritas Life Ins., ins-\$549.48; Ascensus, 457(b) contributions & 401(k) se-\$3,130.09; Black Hills Energy, se-\$427.75; BCBS, ins-\$10,344.33; Michael Bourke, se-\$130.00; Glen Bower, Jr., officer pay & reim-\$100.00; Nancy Bryan, reim-\$77.58; Burg Auto Repair, re-\$133.21; Lois Burke, reim-\$30.00; Ron Carson, reim-\$108.00; Casey's, su-\$1,031.37; City of Stromsburg, se & loan pymts-\$13,161.56; Cooper Power Systems, equip-\$22,431.48; Cornerstone Bank, HSA contr.-\$300.00; DHHS Licensure Unit, se-\$345.00; Steve Dubas, se-\$35.00; Dugan Business Forms, su-\$349.66; Dutton-Lainson, su-\$1,091.40; Eakes, su-\$124.38; Economy, su-\$121.84; EFTPS, p/r tax-\$4,943.58; EMP Emergency Medical Products, su-\$311.22; EMS Billing Services, se-\$429.16; Ericson Cash Hardware, su-\$257.14; Angel Eschenweck, officer pay & reim-\$115.00; Ken Everingham, reim-\$45.00; Goldenrod Ins. Agency, re-\$550.00; Jennifer Graham, se-\$460.00; Grainger, su-\$56.77; Hawkins, su-\$736.38; Hays Land Surveying, se-\$145.20; HOA Solutions, se-\$1,051.00; Norman Hofbauer, se-\$90.00; HSA Bank, HSA contr.-\$60.00; HTM Sales, su-\$11,012.30; Jackson Services, se-\$575.88; Junction Electric, se-\$225.00; Klein's, su-\$284.06; Kriz-Davis, su-\$118.51; Norman Kronberg, se-\$96.57; Sue Lehn, officer pay & reim-\$80.00; Marsden's Auto, re-\$69.90; Municipal Supply, su-\$94.04; Nebr. Dept. of Rev., p/r tax-\$1,157.63; Nebr. Sweeping, se-\$2,226.36; Nebr. Total Care, reim-\$228.29; NRECA, se-\$82.33; NRECA Group Benefits Trust, ins-\$732.21; OfficeNet, se-\$70.65; One Call Concepts, se-\$19.68; Tim Pallas, reim-\$30.00; Papik Law, se-\$1,359.00; Pavers, su-\$94.35; Polk Co. Clerk, contract & se-\$6,508.22; Polk Co. News, se-\$271.36; Polk Co. RPPD, se-\$676.00; Postmaster, se-\$166.14; Rally Auto Parts, su-\$102.75; RVW, se-\$294.00; David Tompkins, reim-\$15.00; US Cellular, se-\$180.24; WAW Construction, re-\$2,080.00; Wesco, su-\$19.60; Windstream, se-\$382.33 and Clark Yungdahl, se-\$100.00.

No further business appearing, Larson moved, Lamoree seconded, the meeting be adjourned. Burke, Lamoree, and Larson, voted yes, Nuttelman absent, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Stromsburg Mayor and City Council will be Monday, November 27, 2017 at 5:35 p.m., such meeting being open to the public. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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Mayor