

July 27, 2015 Minutes

The Howard City Council met in special session on Monday, July 27th at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers. Mayor Dold presided with Aldermen Dufault, Thompson, Leary, Spader, Feldhaus and Karstens.

Hearing – Extending the Howard Golf Course Lease

A group of people were in attendance for the hearing scheduled to discuss extending the Howard Golf Course's lease. President Kevin Shumaker furnished the Council with an informational sheet with the past 4-6 years data of wages, expenses paid to local businesses, income, city sales tax and real estate taxes paid. Feldhaus brought before the Council some concerns expressed to him over the \$1 a year lease agreement. After much discussion, Leary moved to extend the current lease ending in 2026 an additional 50 years with all terms being the same. Dufault seconded the motion. Voting aye were Leary, Dufault, Karstens, Spader and Thompson. Feldhaus voted nay. Motion carried. Attorney Jencks will revise the current lease agreement.

Fire Department Budget

Fire Chief Nate Ruml and Rural Fire Board Members Gary Stangoehr, Tim Neises, Jim Litterick, Brian Dold and Bob Becker were present to discuss the 2016 Budget. Ruml informed the Council and Rural Fire Board Members that the 1991 Pumper failed inspection. Ruml feels that with approximately \$15,000.00 repairs, it could be functional for a few more years, but he strongly suggested that plans need to be made to purchase a new one. He recommended keeping the budget the same as 2015 with the exception of the additional \$15,000 for repairing the pumper.

Thompson moved, Litterick seconded and carried to meet as the Joint Board of the Fire Department. B. Dold moved, Litterick seconded and carried to approve the 2016 rural fire budget of \$28,325.00. Leary moved, Spader seconded and carried to approve the city fire budget of \$34,085.00 and accumulate \$30,000.00 for capital outlay.

Acting as the Joint Board, A. Dold moved, Neises seconded and carried to approve the 2016 Fire Budget for a total of \$62,410.00 and Capital Outlay Accumulation of \$30,000.00. All were in favor to leave Andrew Dold as chairman and Brian Dold as vice chairman of the Joint Board.

Chief Ruml expressed his concern that some kids might be injured due to the rubble left behind from the house fire on Washington Ave. He suggested to the Council to set a time line for cleaning it up. Dufault moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to have Attorney Jencks send a notice with a 60 day timeline.

SPN – Invitation to Bid

Thompson moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to advertise an invitation to receive bids for the Howard Sanitary Sewer Televising project until Tuesday, August 25th at 2:00 pm in the City Office at 100 S. Main St. in Howard.

Claims

Karstens moved, Spader seconded and carried to approve the following claims: Aflac, supplemental insurance, 155.86; Assurant, insurance, 54.40; Avera, insurance, 2380.84; Capital One, travel, supplies & utilities, 3617.48; Cross Repair, repairs, 635.00; Petty Cash, deposit return, supplies & prof fee, 252.20; NorthWestern, utilities, 623.04; Sioux Falls Two Way, repairs, 201.49; Winker Trenching, repairs, 3173.00.

Executive Session

Leary moved, Spader seconded and carried to go into executive session with Greg Gross to discuss personnel matters.

Leary moved, Feldhaus seconded and carried to come out of executive session and adjourn to the next regular meeting.

Andrew Dold, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Klinkhammer
Finance Officer