

## ***Summary Minutes - Regular Meeting - December 9, 2019***

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on December 9, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Call to Order: Mayor Scott Bieseemeier called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call indicated the following members present: Scott Bieseemeier, Bruce Boltjes, Ben DeVries, Mark Schutte and Nikki Reiter. City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes. Guests: Greg Gruis

The first item on the agenda was the hearing for the City of Rushmore tax levy for 2020. There were no changes from the September budget discussions, A motion was made to pass the Resolution Adopting the 2019 Tax Levy, Collectable in 2020 that lists the General Fund Certified Net Levy at \$139,100.00. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the special meeting minutes from the November 6th meeting and the regular meeting minutes of the November 13, 2019 City Council meetings as presented at the meeting. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Council was given an updated list of accounts payable. A motion was made to pass the following resolution: Mayor Bieseemeier and Clerk Gruis are instructed to make payment of all regular accounts payable. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to have any regular accounts payable that come in by December 30th be paid by Mayor Bieseemeier and Clerk Gruis on December 31st. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the November 2019 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Reiter to issue the liquor licenses requested from Ashley Kass d/b/a The Rushmore Tavern for Off Sale Liquor and On Sale Liquor for 2020. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

### **Maintenance Report**

Discussion was held regarding trading the Grasshopper lawn mower, to stay on the three- year rotation as budgeted. Jaycox Implement gave a bid for a new Grasshopper 727K, w/61” deck, with the trade in of our existing Grasshopper mower for \$5,800.00. A motion was made to purchase the Grasshopper mower from Jaycox Implement. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. The John Deere 2019 tractor lease was also discussed. A motion was made to make final lease payment of \$438.00 and return the JD tractor to C & B Operations. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

City staff will be meeting with FEMA to see if we qualify to receive funds for road repair from the spring disaster cycle.

Discussion was held regarding the annual contract with Greg Gruis for snow removal with his tractor and blower as needed throughout the year of 2020. No changes or increases were made from last year’s contract. A motion was made to approve and sign the one-year contract with Greg Gruis for snow removal. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding letters being sent out for Request for Qualifications to Bolten-Menk, Nero Engineering, and Widseth Smith Nolting engineering firms. The letter requests that each company submit a proposal to the Council at the January 13th Council meeting regarding the water improvement project being considered.

Rushmore City Attorney, Larry Lucht is retiring as of December 31st. Two law firms in Worthington had been contacted by staff. A motion was made by to hire Flynn & Riordan, Attorneys at Law as the attorneys for the City of Rushmore. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor – Scott Bieseemeier  
Clerk – Coleen Gruis