

Summary Minutes Regular Meeting - November 14, 2018

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on November 14, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Mayor Gregg Harberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Gregg Harberts, Carol Hieronimus and Shirley Vis. Mark Schutte arrived at 7:30, Bruce Boltjes was absent.

City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes. Guests: Nobles County Deputy, Ashley Kass, Nick Harberts, Scott Bieseemeier.

No residents were in attendance for the hearing of delinquent utility bills to be certified to taxes. After staff and Council discussion of past due accounts, a motion was made to pass the Resolution For The Certification of 2018 Past Due Utility Charges To Be Served For Collection With Taxes. Seconded, all attending members voted in favor, motion carried.

Ashley Kass spoke to Council to request 2019 Off Sale and On Sale Liquor Licenses. Ashley is in the process of buying PD's Bar from Diann Lange. The sale and change of ownership will be completed on November 20th. PD's will remain closed until January 1, 2019 and Ashley Kass will reopen as The Rushmore Tavern. A motion was made to issue the liquor licenses requested from Ashley Kass for Off Sale Liquor and On Sale Liquor for 2019, when the completed application forms, including proof of insurance are received by Clerk Gruis. Seconded, all attending members voted in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes of the October 8, 2018 City Council meeting as presented. 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 Harberts 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 approve the October 2018 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding starting a senior dining type program at the school community room by CD Cafe. Consensus of Council was to have CD Cafe use the school community room at no charge, but that the City would not be in charge of developing or administering the senior dining program.

Discussion was held regarding a council orientation packet submitted by Clerk Gruis for incoming Council Members. Consensus of Council was that the information would be helpful and should be mailed to the newly elected Council Members.

Discussion was held regarding the November 6, 2018 election results for the office of Mayor and for two Council seats for the City of Rushmore. The votes tabulated showed:

MAYOR	VOTES	COUNCIL MEMBER	VOTES
Scott Bieseimeier	86	Nicole (Nikki)Reiter	82
		Ben DeVries	81
Travis Nelson	33	Brandon Feecken	75
Write-In	19	Write-In	19

A motion was made to pass the Resolution To Certify Results Of The Tuesday, November 6, 2018 General Election recording the office of mayor for the term of January 2019 - January 1, 2023 shall be Scott Bieseimeier and for two offices of Council for the term of January 2019 - January 1, 2023 shall be Nicole (Nikki) Reiter and Ben DeVries. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Maintenance Report

Fall discharge of the wastewater ponds is almost complete. The pump for emergency by- pass at the lift station has arrived. Star Engineering completed their inspection of our electric lines. They found one pole that needs to be replaced as soon as possible. Star Engineering will send their report regarding the rest of the system. Council authorized maintenance to request that Nobles Cooperative Electric replace the weak pole. The water tower is on the lowered winter levels and the recirculation pump is going. Larry reported that he is working on grading the roads. Jason reported that Jaycox Implement expects the new 650 Bobcat skid steer to be delivered about the 10th of December.

A motion was made to send out the 2019 Fire Department Contracts to Dewald, Little Rock, Olney & Ransom Townships with the 10% increase that was requested by the fire department. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the difficulty in collecting past due utility accounts. Clerk Gruis would like to offer ACH payment from all banks and to offer a choice of automatic paid dates of the 10th and 20th of each month. A motion was made to allow ACH payments of Rushmore utility bills from any bank account on the 10th or 20th of each month. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program. Due to the federal disaster proclamation for Nobles County, the City of Rushmore may submit a Notice of Interest requesting help with our mitigation plan. The NOI must be submitted by November 30th. Consensus of Council was to submit a request for a 3 phase generator for the City Hall/Fire Department as a storm emergency center.

The date was set for the 2018 Final Levy Hearing Date for December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Rushmore City Hall. This will be held before the regular December Council meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor - Gregg Harberts

Clerk - Coleen Gruis