

MILBANK CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

August 10, 2015

PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF, a regular meeting of the City Council was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 PM. Following members were present: Mayor Pat Raffety. Councilmen Mike Hanson, Joel Foster, Lane Lindquist, Jason Redmond, James Johnson, and Steve Wiener. Absent: none. Present from the staff were Attorney Mark Reedstrom, Boyd VanVooren, Bryan Lambrechts, Dick Poppen, Don Settje, Kevin Schuelke and Cynthia Schumacher. Present from the public: Hugh Weber, Bobbie Bohlen, Scott Hoeke, Holli Seehafer and Holly Hilbrands.

Mayor Raffety called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Bobbie Bohlen and Hugh Weber were present to discuss the upcoming OTA event that will be held in Milbank and request financial support for the event. The guest speaker will be Jason Roberts. The topic will be downtown Main Street, low cost, high impact projects. A motion was made and seconded to assist with the cost of the event. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of July 13, 2015 meeting and the minutes of July 24, 2015 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as follows. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Advertise for snow removal bids.
2. Publish notice of special assessments.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Park & Cemetery – Councilman Hanson reported the crew is busy putting the new picnic tables together and removing diseased trees in the parks and cemetery. Mosquito spraying continues weekly.

Planning & Zoning – No report.

July Permits

Building Permits: Jason Pond-127 Diggs Ave-residential demo/addition. Robert Dineen-1111 Vista Dr-accessory bldg.

Roofing Permits: Drew Swaney-904 S 3rd St-asphalt. Jason Pond-127 Diggs Ave-asphalt.

Fence Permits: Mel Cook-306 S 4th St-vinyl.

Demolition Permits: none. Moving Permits: none. Sign Permits: none.

Special Conditional Use Permits: Milbank Ball Diamond Assn-Pribyl Park- State Tournament. Sara Mueller-Flynn Park-party w/inflatables. Central United Methodist Church-close off 5th Street for community picnic. Big Stone Power Plant-Lake Farley-company picnic w/inflatables. Montage-visitor center parking lot-job fair/sign. Milbank Area Chamber-visitor center parking lot-farmers market, Tuesdays 4-7 pm. Great Western Bank-3rd Ave parking lot-customer appreciation brat feed. Milbank Police Dept. – Lake Farley-National Night Out.

Fire – Chief Schuelke recognized the department’s commitment and dedication.

Finance – A motion was made and seconded to approve the July Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills list in the amount of \$700,564.78. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 797, 2016 Appropriations. Following review and discussion, motion carried by roll call, 6-0.

A discussion was held pertaining to the tax call for 2016. A motion was made to not take an increase in property taxes. Motion failed for lack of second. Following a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to not take an increase in property taxes. Motion carried 6-0.

July Salaries: Mayor/Council \$1,800; Finance \$11,752; Police \$24,108; Street \$11,925; Rubble Site \$865; Park \$5,518; Water \$4,891; Wastewater \$11,583.

Wastewater – Councilman Foster reported the third quarter toxicity test and all EPA DMRQA tests had good results. The digester storage tank developed a leak. ASI will come to inspect the tank. The land sludge application will start this month.

Airport – Councilman Foster stated they are working on the airport consultant selection process as required by federal regulations.

Attorney – No report.

Police – Councilman Lindquist reported the officers attended training for Juvenile Justice Risk Assessment and updated drug awareness. National Night Out will be held at Lake Farley, August 12. Residents are reminded to remove low hanging branches over the streets and sidewalks.

Councilman Lindquist left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Street – Redmond reported they are hot mix patching, blading alleys, repairing signs and mowing drainage ditches.

Hwy 12 Project – The city mains have been installed between 9th and Viola Streets. The connection from the new 12 inch water main the water tower has been completed. BX plans to have the 9th Street intersection open prior to school starting.

Fourth Street Project – The water, sewer and storm sewer mains have been installed the entire length of the project. Forty percent of the service lines have been installed.

Kettwig reviewed the proposed changes to the Valley Queen discharge agreement.

Rubble Site – No report.

Water – Councilman Wiener reported the water main on Jefferson Drive was extended and hydrant installed. The city is utilizing 67% spring water.

Adjourn – The next regular meeting will be September 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0, Lindquist absent.

Pat Raffety, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Schumacher, Finance Officer

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