

Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2013

Approved

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stanek

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call. All in attendance, Mendum absent out sick

Garvin/Pfost to approve minutes from January 8, 2013. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

None.

Mayor Communications:

Recommendation to the Police Commission. Mayor wishes to appoint Pam Paulson to the Police Commission.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve Pam Paulson for a term of 5 years. Motion carries 3 – 1 (Krueger).

Recommendation to the Emergency Government Director position. Mayor wishes to appoint Larry Dudzinski to the position of Emergency Government Director.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve Larry Dudzinski as Emergency Government Director. All ayes. Carried.

Council Communication

Helgerson received a call regarding allowing chickens in the residential areas of Elroy. Garvin suggested they come to the Ordinance Committee meeting.

Administrator Communications

Steward informed the Council of a snow plowing complaint. Mr. Stone on Weger Road complained about the plowing into the end of his driveway. Jamie Ladwig and I looked into it and assured Mr. Stone that he is not being plowed in. He was appreciative of our action.

Steward informed the Council that we have \$14,000 and \$12,000 in accounts at the Juneau County Highway Department for use on county highways in the City of Elroy.

Steward informed the Council that Paris Dudzinski is requesting a closure of a few roads for a parade on April 20. She filled out the paper for submittal to the State. Steward and Green will review and sign and get back to Dudzinski.

Presentation on Neighborhood Watch Program by Police Chief Tony Green.

Green presented on the potential of a Neighborhood Watch Program.

Pfost stated that if the Council Members do not care to follow through with this program then the program will not be successful. The support of the Council is essential.

Garvin asked what is the next step? Green said, contact someone or some people in your district and see if there is interest and bring it back to Council in March.

Pfost suggested putting something in the utility bill. Steward will do that. Have the people contact City Hall and have a sign-up sheet here.

Move the operator's license up on the agenda.

Discussion on operator's license for Scott Wilson.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve operator's license for Scott Wilson. All ayes. Carried.

Move up the discussion on the Mobile Home Park.

Steward reported on the discussion at the Ordinance Committee. Steward met with Retzlaff in January to go over the inspection list. Steward updated the report and gave a copy to Retzlaff and presented it to the Council.

Garvin asked Retzlaff if he would consider the City paying for and removing the vacant units. He said he might consider it. He has remodeled several of these units by adding windows and other new items.

Discussion on the City Administrator position.

Garvin began the discussion by asking the Council Members to answer three questions.

1. Does the City of Elroy need a City Administrator?
2. Should the City Administrator be a resident of the City?
3. If you believe the City doesn't need a City Administrator, then what other options should the City explore?

Answers:

Garvin:

1. Yes, City should have a City Administrator
2. If the City Administrator is not a resident, then changes need to be made to the contract. Those changes could include a 30 day notice by the City Administrator if he takes employment elsewhere; change the terminates without cause statement to the City will give 3 months of notice of termination and not 3 months of severance.
3. If no City Administrator, the City could survive but would need to create a Public Works Director position.

Pfost:

1. Yes, the City needs an Administrator. The Administrator has expertise, and objectives to progress not just survive and can be counted on.
2. Could care less about residency. Need commitment both ways and need a long term contract.
3. Not applicable.

Stanek:

1. Yes, need an Administrator
2. Prefer residency, but not required.
3. No comment offered.

Helgerson:

1. Yes, need Administrator
2. Would be nice for Administrator to be resident, but if he is here doing the job then residency not required.
3. No comment offered.

Krueger:

1. The City doesn't need an Administrator. Would like the City Administrator to be done when his contract is up at the end of May.
2. If the City has an Administrator they should have to live within the City.
3. If no City Administrator, then the City should have a Director of Public Works and eliminate the Street Superintendent position, and the Sewer/Water Superintendent, and the DPW will handle all of it.

Garvin brought up what other communities are doing, from no Administrator, to consultants to part time to full time administrators and some require residency and others don't. If there is no Administrator the City may have to pay a consultant to fill the void.

Stanek asked for a show of hands on the three questions:

1. 3 to 1 in favor of having a City Administrator.
2. 3 to 1 in favor of no residency requirement.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to retain the City Administrator with no residency requirement and to renegotiate the contract. Motion carried 3 – 1 (Krueger).

Garvin/Pfost to approve GIS contract with MSA. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Garvin/Helgerson to approve expenditures. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Helgerson/Garvin motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator