

February Meeting Minutes

The Elgin City Council met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 5, 2018, at the Elgin City Hall. Notice of said meeting had been posted at three places, namely, U.S. Post Office, Dean's Market and the Elgin City Hall, as prescribed by law.

Mayor Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and announced the location of the Open Meeting Act.

Councilmen present were Duane Miller, Mike Dvorak, Jim Kittelson and Don Mackel.

Staff present was Don E. Poulsen and Vicki S. Miller.

Also present was Keith Gillham, Ron Scholl, Martin Wid, Dennis Morgan and Chad Martinsen. Sheriff Moore arrived at 8:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Kittelson to approve the regular meeting minutes. A second to the motion was made by Miller. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Keith Gillham, Ron Scholl and Martin Wid, with Central Valley Ag met with the Council regarding new bin and receiving options.

Mr. Gillham explained to the Council that they are proposing to remove five (5) existing bins and replacing them with two new bins.

The new bins would hold 276,418 bushels and would be 119 feet tall with a diameter of 61' 10".

Chad Martinsen stated that the bins are 90 feet from his house and he stated that they would cause increased noise, more grain dust and would lower his property values.

Mr. Gillham explained that they would be set back, but was uncertain on the exact set back measurement.

Mr. Martinsen stated with the bins being as tall as they are if they collapsed they would fall on his house. He was also concerned with ice falling off them on to his home.

Mr. Gillham explained that they would make certain that the exhaust fans were positioned so they wouldn't bother Mr. Martinsen and the new exhaust fans would be quieter than the present ones.

When asked when CVA planned on starting the project, Mr. Gillham stated he would like to have them done by harvest.

The Council asked that Mr. Gillham get the distance of the set back and provide that information to the Council.

The matter was tabled until the March 5, 2018 meeting, so the Council could do some research on the proposed project.

Mr. Gillham stated that CVA is looking into constructing another scale and a new office in the future.

Councilman Dvorak presented the estimated cost of the new sign for the pool and park. The estimated cost is \$5,550.00.

The sign is estimated at \$1,350.00, footing for sign posts, stamped concrete base and sidewalk around sign at \$1,750.00, block cultured stone for posts, \$550.00, electrical, \$1000.00 and labor to lay the stone, \$900.00.

A motion was made by Mackel to proceed with the sign. A second to the motion was made by Kittelson. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Schmitt reported on the costs for the proposed pool parking lot. The area proposed is 60' x 70'.

To armor coat the parking lot, 5" thick, the estimated cost is \$10,252.00. To concrete the parking lot, 6" thick, the estimated cost is \$16,800. And the cost to install curb and gutters is \$2760.00.

Mayor Schmitt stated that a little dirt work would be needed, but not much.

Also the Council would need to look at the area west of the big gates to see if that area should be overlaid or concreted and also a sidewalk down to the mechanical building.

Mayor Schmitt asked the Councilmen to go up and look at the area and next month a decision could be made.

Mayor Schmitt explained how the idea of a walking path had developed. When "Marketing Hometown America" met, one of the ideas they came up with was a walking path. They had suggested that a walking path be installed around the park, however due to the drainage culvert on the south side of the park that wouldn't work.

Superintendent Polk said that they had an area that would work and that is when the school and the city began looking into grants and estimated cost.

The walking path being considered would start at the Cinderella steps, go around the school property and then up to the football field, then around the football field, down around the practice field and back west to the parking lot on the south side of the gym. The path would be approximately 1.25 miles.

The school will apply for a grant, if they would be award that grant, it would be an 80/20 match. The grant would be due September 1st, so nothing would probably be done for a year or more.

Mayor Schmitt stated right now it's a dream and he just wanted the Council to be apprised of the situation so if the school requested some help they would know what was going on.

Discussion was held on raising the tapping fees for water and sewer, due to the cost of installing a 4" water main.

The Council requested that Don Poulsen check into costs of providing a 1" line and larger for next month's meeting.

Discussion was held on the Jeff Scholl property. The water has been shut off at Mr. Scholl's for several years however he is living in the house.

After discussing the issue with the City Attorney, Mr. Bartell explained that in his opinion a property does not have to have water service. But if a property is not hooked up to water, he's probably getting it from somewhere and that is a violation.

And the ordinances clearly state that every property shall have sewer and trash pickup.

A motion was made by Dvorak to start charging the property for sewer and trash pickup, effective February 5, 2018. A second to the motion was made by Kittelson. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

A letter received from Great Plains Communications, informed the elected officials of an increase to the cable television customers, due to increasing fees Great Plains is required to pay each broadcaster and programmer.

All CATV subscribers will see an increase in their Broadcaster fee of \$4.75 per month.

Expanded basic CATV subscribers will see an increase of \$6.00 per month.

Cable television bundle fee will increase by \$6.00 per month.

Discussion was also held on a sign to be placed at the pool listing donors giving \$1,000.00 or more.

The Council viewed several examples and pick one that they liked. The pool committee will be shown and upon their approval, a cost will be obtained.

There were no building permits.

Agenda item #2—Special Designated Permit for the EKG will be tabled until March due to illness.

In the maintenance report, Poulsen asked about purchasing a key punch lock for the well house. Councilman Kittelson thought there was one available and would take care of it.

Also discussed was the timer for the new fire hall exhaust fan.

In the Sheriff's report for December, they spent 109 hours and 14 minutes in Elgin and there were 9 911 calls.

The total for 2017 was 1076 hours and 48 minutes and there were 86 911 calls.

There was nothing reported in the trash/recycling report and the attorney's report.

A motion was made by Mackel to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit. A second to the motion was made by Miller. All members voted aye and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Dvorak to approve the transaction report and paying the claims. A second to the motion was made by Kittelson. All members voted aye, with Dvorak abstaining on the claim from Dvorak Construction and Kittelson abstaining on the claim from Jim Kittelson, and the motion carried. (CLAIMS)

In the Councilman's report, Councilman Mackel asked if the City opened up alleys. Poulsen explained that they only open them in an emergency.

In the Clerk's report, Clerk Miller reminded the Council that the incumbents had until February 15, 2018 to file for office.

Also the ad for pool personnel will run during the month of February, with hiring to be done at the March meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Elgin City Council Mayor Schmitt declared the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the Elgin City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Mike Schmitt

City Clerk Vicki S. Miller

CLAIMS

GENERAL:

ERPPD,se,90.34-Great Plains Communications,se,50.84- Fitzgerald, Vetter & Temple,se,350.00-Jeanette Meis,se,75.00-Prudential,retirement,930.20-US Treasury,tax,3645.58-Elgin Review,prnt,64.73-Dean's Market,su,9.85-APPEARA,su,44.16-Bank of Elgin,ins,2250.00-Black Hill Energy,se,251.02-Central Valley Ag,su,256.37-Antelope County Clerk,se,3.00-Northeast NE Clerks Association,dues,20.00-Elgin Body and Glass,se,150.00-Payroll,1819.04

SALES TAX:

Pool Fund: 2052.09

STREET:

ERPPD, se, 1335.10- Verizon Wireless, su,55.47-Elgin One Stop,su,682.05-Black Hills Energy,se,151.20-Home Town Station,su,310.56-Central Valley Ag,su,7.98-Dean's Market,su,18.20-Bomgaars,su,71.99-Sapp Bros,su,37.42- Jim Kittelson,machine rent,200.00-Payroll,1324.83

WATER:

ERPPD,se,859.56-Verizon Wireless,su,55.47-Great Plains Communications, se,43.90- NE Health Lab,test,82.00-CVA,su,30.84-USA Bluebook,su,68.42-Mark Tharnish,return,47.37-Sargent Drilling,rprs,6732.77-US Post Office,su,73.15-Dept of Revenue,tax,42.14-Mark Tharnish Account,return,52.63-Tanner Dozler Account,return,100.00-Payroll,2649.66

SEWER:

ERPPD,se,1036.99-Great Plains Communications,se,48.04-Midwest Labs,Test,182.75-Dept of Revenue,tax,15.62-Payroll,1017.63

FIRE:

ERPPD,se,143.74-Great Plains Communications,se,54.82-APPEARA,su,44.16-Black Hills nergy,se,610.67 -Echo Electric,su,37.15

POLICE:

Antelope Co Sheriff,se,2,700.00-Dwain's Security,rprs,520.00

TRASH PICKUP/RECYCLING:

Bud's Sanitary Service,se,4630.50-Betty Moser,rent,100.00

POOL:

ERPPD,se,30.14-Black Hills Energy,se,33.68-Central Valley Ag,su,17.00-Dvorak Const.,rprs,380.00

PARK:

ERPPD,se,185.48-NE Dept of Revenue,tax,19.63-Payroll,307.21

LIBRARY:

ERPPD,se,68.68-Amazon,bks,267.16-Black Hills Energy,se,146.77-Great Plains Communications,se,107.23-Elgin Insurance Services,ins,50.00-Central Valley Ag,su,19.98-Payroll,1134.84

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