

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on the 24th day of January, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ray Hovestadt who presided.

Roll call disclosed the following present: Councilmembers Croucher, Fry and Sanders; City Attorney Godderz, City Administrator Hassler, Superintendent Rickel, Officer Chris Waldron and City Clerk Holloway.

Visitors: Emerson Hayden, Dean and Carolyn Strohm

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2004 and Claims Ordinance No. 2052 as follows: General \$2,107.80; Police 484.54; Street 37.78; Park 13.98; Pool \$74.64; Fleet Maintenance 1,867.10; Special Highway \$248.20; Capital Improvements \$486.00; Equipment Reserve \$180.52; Electric 34,517.49; Water \$10,053.11; Gas \$68,846.86; Sewer \$545.24; Solid Waste \$6,155.00. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 3; nays 0.

City Administrator requested that he be authorized to purchase a plotter with color capabilities and will plot up to 42 inches in width to allow for updating utility maps and boundary maps with street centerlines, rights-of-way and easements for an amount not to exceed \$3,991.57. A motion was offered by Councilmember Sanders to authorize this purchase without the memory card. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 3; nays 0.

Enter now, Councilmember Dubois

A Development Policy was presented to the Council for review. This policy would assist staff and developers in understanding what is expected with regard to design and construction of public improvements and who will be responsible for payment of the improvement installations. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to table a decision on the policy until next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Dubois and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

The carpet and linoleum were again presented to Council for consideration as only the cost of installation was presented to Council last meeting. As the materials and installation cost of \$3,148.00 was still less than had been budgeted, a motion was offered by Councilmember Dubois to accept the proposal from Feltner Furniture & Floors. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

As requested by Council at the last meeting, a new bid was submitted for the utility truck for a one ton truck with a diesel engine and manual transmission or a gas engine with automatic transmission. Bids were received for both types of trucks. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry that the City purchase a ¾ ton truck with gas engine and automatic transmission under the State Contract. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the motion carried with Councilmembers Fry, Croucher and Sanders voting Aye; Councilmember Dubois voting Nay.

As funding will be received from FEMA for clean up after the recent ice storms, it is proposed that the City purchase a wood chipper from United Rentals for \$20,000. The State recommended that the wood be chipped as opposed to burning to reduce the chance of opposition from environmental groups and the City will also use the chipper to dispose of limbs cut during trimming done by crews around power lines. A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to authorize the purchase of the chipper. Seconded by Councilmember Dubois and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

During the reports of the last meeting, the City Attorney brought up the issue of interest on the part of BCIC to purchase the property on the southwest corner of Santa Fe Avenue and Dacotah Street and donate the land to the City. Information from the County Appraiser's office on this property was presented to the Council. No action was taken at this time; however, the Council approved the idea that the City could easily maintain the property.

A motion was offered by Councilmember Fry to recess to Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. for a period of 15 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client matters with the City Attorney and City Administrator attending. Seconded by Councilmember Croucher and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0. Council returned to regular meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Reports were heard from City Attorney, City Administrator, Council and Mayor.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Councilmember Croucher. Seconded by Councilmember Fry and the vote was Ayes 4; nays 0.

Cheryl Holloway, City Clerk