

City of Souris

April 4, 2016

Call to Order.

Present: Mayor Steve Patterson; Aldermen Jacquie Robertson, Willy Murch, Richard Anderson; Auditor Pat Olson; Public Works James Condit

Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

Financials:

City, Cemetery, Park and Savings financial packets were reviewed.

Public Comments:

Communications from the Mayor:

James Condit passed the 1A Water Certification Test.

Unfinished Business:

1. Alderman Murch made a motion to accept Kemper bid of \$77,842.50 on water transmission line. Motion carried.
Alderman Robertson made a motion for the Mayor to sign change order on water transmission line project. Motion carried. Matt Johnson will contact Kemper and arrange change order.
2. Mayor Patterson spoke to attorney about the dog problem. Attorney stated that she could draft an ordinance for city to require dogs and cats be licensed. Tabled.
3. House Demolition. Alderman Anderson will contact First District Health Unit.
4. Repair bulk water line: James will call Brian Johnson.
5. Alderman Murch made a motion to vacate the access road in Souris Block 3, 10 feet abutting north end of lots 13-17 and 10 feet abutting south end of lots 18-22. Motion carried.
6. Tax Equalization Meeting will be April 25 at 7.30p. Quorum of members must be present
7. Alderman Murch will deliver residential water booklet to new resident.
8. Bulk water collection is approximately 90%
9. Forest Service Grant is delayed. Lezlee Johnson of Forest Service is working on a plan. Twelve (12) trees projected to start.
10. Payloader: general maintenance, set of tires, oil change, brake repair, work on bucket done. City to split cost with County
11. Snowblower is in working condition
12. Election: petitions due April 11 to Pat. She will submit them to County Auditor

New Business:

1. Items for purchase:
 - a. Alderman Anderson made a motion to purchase a power vac for Grasshopper for \$2800.00. Motion carried.
 - b. Generator: Alderman Murch will research. Tabled.
 - c. City computer: Alderman Robertson made a motion to purchase city computer for up to \$750.00. Motion carried.
 - d. Water fountain: tabled
2. Spring clean up, dumpster: Alderman Robertson unable to contact DSM. Pat will speak with Strand Agency.
3. Lagoon: James stated that Mikkelson will be out to repair pipe
4. Employee pay raises approved by unanimous consent. James' pay will go from \$15.00/hr to \$20.00/hr. Pat's pay will go from net \$250.00 to \$350.00. Kelly's consultation fee drops from \$250.00/month to \$100.00/month

Announcements:

Park: Planting flowers planned
Campground:
Cemetery: Planting flowers planned

Bills:

Alderman Anderson made a motion to pay bills. Motion carried.

Alderman Murch made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: Monday, May 2 at 7.00p City Hall