

Regular Council Meeting
February 16, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor David George.

Councilmembers present; Jeff Bohn, Dan Poppinga, Steve Smothers. Absent; Bob Franke, Joe Horan.

Agenda approved with no additions.

Bohn made a motion, second by Smothers to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: Ayes: Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Mayor George reported on attending a meeting sponsored by the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance in reference to information on TIF (Tax Increment Financing) plans.

Superintendent Kirchoff reported on completed work projects. Discussion was held on sump pump discharge into the city streets during winter months. Poppinga made a motion, second by Smothers to approve of Roger Post attending the chemical applicator training session in Rockwell City on March 2 at a cost of \$35.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Chief Ritts presented the activity report for the police department.

Clerk Thompson presented the monthly financial report. Report will be placed on file. Thompson also reported receiving an insurance dividend check in the amount of \$4,696.69 from the Iowa Assn. of Municipalities Safety group. Thompson also reported that the tree survey has been completed by DNR. The final report will be completed in a few months. All trees in city right-of-way and public properties have been identified.

Thelma McGough, community economic development coordinator, reported that the Manson Economic Development Corporation annual meeting is scheduled for April 3. The first annual Manson Impact award will be presented at the annual meeting. McGough also continues to work on what it would take to move the congregate meal program to the MACC. McGough also inquired about a proposed ICCA Career Academy being proposed for Calhoun County.

Dennis Plautz and Jill Nelson, representatives of the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance, were present to conduct a membership visit and to inform city council of services available for members. Plautz reported that the annual dinner will be held on March 10. Bohn made a motion, second by Smothers to approve paying the registration fee of \$35.00 for the mayor or any city council member wanting to attend the meeting at a cost of \$35.00 each. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Mayor George received a request from MNW Superintendent Mark Egli to assist with funding to replace the generator at the MNW high school building. The high school building is designated as an emergency housing shelter in case of any disaster in the city. Smothers made a motion, second by Poppinga to provide funding up to 1/3 of the cost of new generator with a maximum of \$15,000 contribution. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan. Local option sales tax funds will be used for this project.

A quote in the amount of \$8,938 has been received for renovations for the city baseball field.

A Calhoun Co. Community Foundation grant has been awarded in the amount of \$3,601 to assist with this project. Smothers made a motion, second by Bohn to accept the bid from Iowa Athletic Field Construction Co. for improvements for the city baseball field. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan. The city will assist with hauling old material away if possible.

Discussion was held on replacement cost vs actual cost of properties for insurance purposes. The city council reviewed the major buildings owned by the city and the replacement cost for each. Discussion was held on need to replace or repair building if damage was incurred and the cost of demolition if building was totally damaged. Poppinga made a motion, second by Smothers to put a maximum value of \$250,000 on the fairbarn, a value of \$100,000 for the Senior Citizen community center, a value of \$85,000 on the building located at the lift station site on Highway 7, and replacement cost on the Manson Area Community Center. Roll Call: Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Bohn made a motion, second by Smothers to approve of issuing a Class "C" liquor, outdoor sales license to the Manson Golf & Country Club, Inc. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Poppinga made a motion, second by Bohn to approve payment in the amount of \$5,228.55 to Tague Construction for the siding repair on the building located at the lift station property on Highway 7. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Discussion was held on the proposed 2016-2017 budget requests. The budget public hearing will be held on March 8 at 7:00 PM at city hall.

Smothers made a motion, second by Poppinga to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll Call; Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

Smothers made a motion, second by Poppinga to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Poppinga, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Franke, Horan.

David George, Mayor

ATTEST: Becky Thompson, City Clerk