**April 9th, 2013**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Pledge:**

Mayor Juanita Mitchell and Council Members: Alex Weego, Donald Fitzgerald and Alice Melzer, Jim Opelia absent. Maintenance Aaron Fore and Clerk Michael Dagen were present. Guest: Raymond Stach

Alex made a motion to move Ray Stach’s presentation from the new business to after the financials, Fitz 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**Minutes:** March 12th, 2013 Regular Council Meeting:

Alex made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Fitz, all in favor, motion carried.

**Financial Reports:**

There was a question in regards to the water bills. Clerk Michael Dagen stated that letters had been sent to accounts 12, 16, 70, 84, 901, 1048 and 1065. Michael said that the balances on accounts 30 and 80 had been assessed to their taxes. There was a discussion in regards to if someone was still living at account 30. Juanita asked if any of the customers had signed payment agreements and Clerk Dagen stated that account 556 had signed a payment agreement and that their water had been shut off. Alex requested that the clerk include notes in the council packets describing what actions had been taken for the delinquent accounts. Alex asked what taxes the City had to pay and Michael stated that the County tax bill was for special assessments. Alex made a motion to refer to audit and to pay check #’s 13361-13375, Fitz 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**Ray Stach on behalf of Kruzin 4 Kidz:** Ray Stach from Bertha gave a presentation on behalf of the local Kruzin 4 Kidz group. Mr. Stach asked for a donation from the City’s Charitable gambling fund for this year’s Kruzin 4 Kids event to be held Aug 17th. There was a discussion about how much the City donated to Kruzin 4 Kidz in the past and it was stated that $500 had been donated last year. It was stated that currently there was $91 in the Gambling fund. Fitz made a motion to donate a minimum of $400 to Kruzin 4 Kidz no later than Aug. 17st, Alice 2nd, all in favor, motion carried. Ray Stach mentioned that if anyone knew of a local child who would qualify for the Make a Wish program to please contact the Minnesota branch. Mr. Stach said that any child from ages 5 to 17 with a life threatening illness would qualify and that the child, their parents or physician would need to contact Make a Wish MN directly.

**Maintenance Report:** Head Maintenance Aaron Fore asked if there were any questions about his notes. Aaron stated that he would like to take a vacation day on April 16th. Fitz asked Michael if he has had a chance to look at the proposed shelving for the Clerk’s office and Dagen said yes. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that Aaron should have a shelf for his office as well. Alex asked if Aaron knew how much the cost for the cleanup day dumpster rental would increase next year. Mr. Fore said that he didn’t know. Fitz made a motion to approve the purchase of two shelving units, Alice 2nd, all in favor motion carried.

**Clerks Report:** Clerk Dagen asked if anyone had any questions about his report. Michael said that he would be gone the week of April 22nd-26th for training in Minneapolis, so the office would be closed when he is away. Juanita stated that she would pick up the mail and check the drop box that week. There was a discussion about the charge for publishing the financials in the newspaper. Fitz asked if anything new had been learned about the City taking control over their website and Dagen stated that he asked the paper if there was a way to transfer control of the site to the City. Clerk Dagen said that he hoped that the City wouldn’t have to build a new site. Alex stated that he had talked to Rick Utech from Todd County Development about the Hot Spot grant program and Mr. Weego found out that the grant pays for the Wi-Fi box, installation and the first year of service charges. Alex said that he thought that we had an excellent chance to get the grant for the Library. Michael asked for permission to clear the dead trees along the trail north of the City.

**Mayor’s Report:** Juanita stated that Lanette Aeling would not be giving a presentation. Mayor Mitchell said that the farmers market would like permission to hold their market at the pavilion between the fire hall and the post office this summer. There was a discussion about the farmers market and this change of location.

**Unfinished Business**

**Absent Volunteer Firefighter**: Juanita stated that the City had not received a response from the letter that was sent to Beau Bymann. Fitz made a motion to terminate Beau Bymann from the Fire Department due to the fact that Beau lives outside of a 10 minute radius of the City which is required by the Hewitt Volunteer Fire Department bylaws, Juanita 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

**Water Tower Bids:** Clerk Dagen stated that he had talked with Rory from Tri State Coatings today. Michael said that he was told that an updated bid had been sent to the City. Dagen said that Tri State would be available to paint the tower in June and that Oct. would be the deadline for the tower painting project. The Clerk said that Rory had told him that they would clean out the water tower when the tank was out of service for the painting. Aaron said that the City already has a contract with Maguire Iron for cleaning out the water tower. Juanita said that maybe Maguire could clean out the tower when the tank was being painted. Aaron said that he would need to know some dates to arrange the cleaning of the tower at the time of the painting.

**New Business**

**Community Corrections Letter:** There was a discussion about the different projects around town that the City could use the community corrections program.

**Resolution #13-004 Addition of Man lift Rental to fee schedule:** Alex made a motion to accept resolution #13-004, Fitz second, all in favor motion carried. There was a discussion about what would happen if the equipment was damaged. It was decided that a rental agreement would be required to rent the equipment.

**Resolution #13-005 Accepting donations for Mt. Nebo Project:** Fitz made a motion to accept resolution #13-005, Alice 2nd, Alex, Juanita and Alice in favor, Fitz no.

**2013 Land Use Workshop:** There was a discussion about the newest land use workshops.

Fitz made a motion to close the meeting for employee discussion, Alice 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Fitz made a motion to open the meeting back up, Alice 2nd, all in favor, motion carried.

Fitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alex, all in favor motion carried.