

## Special Meeting Minutes

**October 8, 2018**

Mayor Ron Schatz calls Special Meeting to order with councilmembers Derek Fiedler, Julie Wagner, and Randy Zinke, AJ from Ulteig. Along with Auditor Ashley Fiedler in attendance.

Mayor Schatz would like to first talk about Jessie Schlichenmayer's property. Rodney Nelson is interested in purchasing the property and would like to put up about a 35 x 45 shop. As of now would just be a shop. He is interested in the water and sewer on the property. Once and if the board approves him putting up a shop, then he will go to Washburn and check if there is any past due taxes against the property. Board decides to table this subject till next meeting.

Ladd Erickson from States Attorney office would like to address the residents about an article that was published recently where a resident made fraud accusations towards another resident. City meetings are not a place for accusations, and he would wish that the board would have residents removed from the meetings when they are making those accusations.

Engineering Amendment #3 is where they just clarified the contract little more. This is just saying we need to separate Construction staking and construction reimbursable from the Ulteig Contract. Originally they were billed in, that's why it states we are over the budget of the contract. This would include the \$6000 being billed to bid the storm water project and \$7500 for the construction of the storm water project. AJ stated that if everything was paid off today, Ulteig, Scherbenske, Weisz, and attorney fees we would be under the budget by \$226,000. Fiedler makes motion to approve, Wagner seconds it. Zinke opposes. Motion carried.

AJ presented board with pay estimate 4 of \$285,350.55, which is monthly pay. This estimate is with 8400 feet of main line done. Wagner makes motion to approve pay estimate 4, Fiedler seconds it. Zinke opposes. Motion carried.

Council member Zinke would like to know when roads will be getting fixed around town. Jordan from Scherbenske states they would like to get all residents off temp water before it freezes, so they have put their main focus on getting the lines in. Council member Fiedler would like Scherbenske to finish the piping on the north side of town then fix the roads before they start working on the South part of town. Board asked a couple members from the south part of town how they feel if Scherbenske works on the roads before they move south. One resident has very dirty water and would like the new lines in as soon as possible, another resident states he has never has a problem with the water, so it wouldn't matter to him. Zinke makes motion to have some streets fixed before moving south, Fiedler seconds it. Wagner opposes. Motion carried.

The water building is online and functioning. The roof is leaking and should think about fixing the roof or replacing the roof. Also, board should think about if they want it on this current contract. AJ will get quotes for the roof.

AJ did some checking on if we could use SRF funds for the convenience store. He found we are unable to use funds for a possible customer. Board should think about if they want the cost of running water and sewer to the convenience store be just on the owners or if the town wants to help with some of the cost.

How will the switch from meter pit installed in the house with Weisz project but now with this project they are getting a meter pit outside? Someone will have to pay to have the meter moved from inside to outside in the pit, also some plumbing will have to be done inside. Board decides to get quotes and have it put in the contract, should not be residents responsibility.

AJ spoke with Brian from department of health he mentioned, in order to close the SRF loan at the end of project the city needs a dedicated operator to run the system. Possibly have a board member do the class 1 classification or have McLean Sheridan Rural Water help out.

Resident Kathrin Volochenko would like Scherbenske to make sure all the rocks are picked up by the water lines that are being put in. Volochenko would like more signs up regarding detour, they should be 500 feet before detour. She would also like to see all contracts regarding this water project, has questions regarding requirements for the loans.

Volochenko suggested city look at becoming a home rule city. The city would benefit from the taxes from business in town. When you adopted home rule you are in charge of all your own laws. Would be a good thing for the city to do.

Resident Willa Murray would be willing to call residents when water will be shut off, just needs updated list.

Zinke makes motion to adjourn meeting, Wagner seconds it. Motion carried.