

President Dennis W. Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

President were: President Dennis W. Johnson, Commissioners Joe Frenzel, Bill Reitmeier, Rhonda Dukart and Carson Steiner

**DISPOSITION:** Motion carried unanimously.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 4 (Steiner, Frenzel, Johnson, Dukart), Nay 1 (Reitmeier), Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE NO. 1298

President Johnson opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM to gather input regarding the proposed amendments to the alcoholic beverage ordinance. There being no public input, Johnson closed the public hearing at 6:01 PM. Sund stated discussions continue regarding language for bowling alleys. He recommended discussions be held with the two bowling alleys before adding language addressing said operations. Commissioner Frenzel suggested contact be made with other cities regarding draft language. Sund stated President Johnson previously recommended language be added that addresses the possible affect on licensees who violate the new State “No Smoking” law. City Attorney Priebe stated he would research current code to determine whether violations of the “No Smoking” law could be regulated under City licensing code and impose penalty and potentially jeopardize a liquor license for those businesses currently licensed. Johnson suggested the city take a pro-active approach to the “No Smoking” law and orientate businesses. City Attorney Priebe and Police Chief Rummel were asked to prepare a future presentation to the City Commission of requirements of the new law. Johnson also suggested a letter be sent to liquor licensees to make them aware of the requirements of enforcement of the new law.

## NON-TIMETABLE AGENDA

#### 4. GENERAL ISSUES/FINANCE

### A. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY 2005

Director of Finance and Administrative Services, Tim Kessel, presented the May 2005 financial report.

MOTION BY: Bill Reitmeier                      SECONDED BY: Rhonda Dukart

To accept the May 2005 financial report as presented.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

## B. LIBRARY FOUNDATION

President Johnson referenced information that was previously given to the City Commission on June 6, 2005 and noted the Library Foundation has provided the additional information regarding the \$500,000 request. Commissioner Dukart spoke in favor of the City funding \$250,000 from the Sales Tax II fund in 2005 and \$250,000 in 2006. Frenzel stated it is appropriate that money for the library expansion project come from the City therefore supported the \$500,000 request to assist with a multi-million dollar project. He stated the majority of the funding was received from private sources. President Johnson referenced the equipment list of estimated costs of \$500,000 and questioned which items was the highest priced. Library Director, Cheryl Tollefson, stated the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) security system would be the highest price at approximately \$150,000. She stated the current building does not have a security system.

MOTION BY: Rhonda Dukart                      SECONDED BY: Bill Reitmeier

To grant the Library Foundation \$250,000 in 2005 and \$250,000 in 2006 from the 30% share of Sales Tax II Fund for the library expansion project.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

C. 2005 SOUTHWEST REGIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

MOTION BY: Rhonda Dukart                      SECONDED BY: Carson Steiner

To accept the recommendations of the committee and award \$20,655 for the 2005 Southwest Regional Grants with 75% of the grant to be paid out immediately and the balance to be paid when the project has been completed and the final report filed with the City. Grants awarded were as follows:

Adams County Development Corp. (Hettinger) \$1,000

**Bowman Park & Recreation (Bowman) \$1,000**

City of Dodge (Dodge) \$500

Dunn Center Park Board (Dunn Center) \$570

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

City Attorney Timothy Priebe referenced the street vacation request by Stark County in State Addition. He stated the City Commission approved a resolution June 7, 2004 authorizing the vacation contingent upon the completion of the land sale. He stated in December 2004 the County had not completed the sale of the property therefore the City Commission approved an extension until June 21, 2005. He stated the property sale has not been completed, therefore the County has requested an additional extension. It was agreed to approve extending the vacation action for up to one more year.

MOTION BY: Carson Steiner                      SECONDED BY: Bill Reitmeier  
To authorize introducing Resolution No. 16-2005 for adoption subject to inserting the  
deadline of June 20, 2006 into the Resolution:

**A RESOLUTION EXTENDING TIME TO COMPLETE CONTINGENCIES FOR  
VACATION OF STREET IN BLOCK THIRTY-TWO (32) AND THIRTY-THREE  
(33) OF STATE ADDITION, CITY OF DICKINSON.**

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

Fire Chief Terry Wehner, stated one bid was received for a tow vehicle which came in over budget, therefore requested City Commission approval to reject the bid and re-bid.

MOTION BY: Joe Frenzel                                      SECONDED BY: Rhonda Dukart  
To reject the bid from Sax Motor Company for the Fire Department Tow Vehicle and  
authorize re-advertisement for bids.  
DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

Fire Chief Terry Wehner presented the monthly report for May 2005. He also highlighted ideas to recruit volunteer firefighters. Items for consideration included: development of a marketing package, establishing a “cadet” program; create different levels of membership; recruit members from other city departments; develop a mentoring program; offer incentives; reduce age requirement of 21 years to 18 years; promote interest in the private sector and create a sense of pride within the community for Fire Service; review training requirements, modify night duty program and complete the Safer Act grant application to mitigate need for volunteers. President Johnson asked when the marketing package would be completed. Chief Wehner stated he anticipated it will be completed during the fall semester as he intended to hire a college intern.

2. Police Department Monthly Report:

Police Chief Rummel presented the May 2005 report. President Johnson questioned why the year to date department call numbers were down significantly from last year. Rummel stated the Police Department changed the way calls are tracked which has resulted lower numbers.

Commissioner Dukart questioned why the sirens did not sound during the wind/hail storm on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Chief Rummel stated while the sky spies were out it did not meet the tornado requirements, therefore it was a judgment call to not sound the sirens. Sund stated he also spoke with Emergency Manager, Gary Kostelecky. Because the sirens warn of tornados and one was not spotted, the sirens were not sounded. He stated if the sirens were sounded each time there was a thunderstorm, citizens would become accustomed to the siren and would likely ignore it when a tornado was sighted.

6. PUBLIC WORKS – ENGINEERING

A. REPORT

1. Code Enforcement Report for May 2005:

City Engineer Shawn Soehren stated numbers are similar to last year with the exception of 60 additional multi-family permits being taken out for the Sparrow Group project located on Prairie Oak Drive.

7. PUBLIC WORKS – MAINTENANCE AND UTILITIES

A. REPORT ON RECENT THUNDER/HAIL STORM

Public Works Manager, Ken Kussy, stated street crews were working on Sunday clearing streets of debris and trees. He stated they will continue to pick up trees and branches that are placed in the boulevards but would likely take until Friday to get to all areas of town. He thanked the community for their assistance in cleaning the City and removing fallen trees.

Public Works Manager, Skip Rapp, stated there was damage to city vehicles, lift stations and buildings at Prairie Outpost Park. He stated the crews were out immediately after the storm and worked throughout the night to assure all lift stations were operational. He stated he estimated approximately 2.5 million gallons of wastewater being taken on during the storm. He stated a sewer backup occurred on Prairie Oak Drive due to a manhole casting being pushed off. He stated they are working with the residents and the insurance company in regard to the damage. He thanked the public for their cleanup and assistance efforts.

8. ADMINISTRATION

A. City Administrator Report:

1. SWMCCC (New England Facility) request for construction support:

Sund stated he received a letter from Southwest Multi-County Correction Center (SWMCCC) asking for financial and moral support for raising \$164,000 for the New England Women's Correctional Facility. Sund asked for direction to proceed with the request. President Johnson stated he felt should the County need financial assistance they should tax for the money to prevent taxing the citizens twice. Discussion was held as to the possibility of SWMCCC obtaining assistance from Stark Development Corporation. Frenzel was asked to address the request during the next Stark Development Corporation meeting.

2. Thank You Letters:

Sund stated additional thank you letters were received and provided them for informational purposes.

3. City Commission Meeting:

Sund reminded the Commissioners that the next regular City Commission meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> due to Monday being the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

MOTION BY: Bill Reitmeier

SECONDED BY: Carson Steiner

To approve the accounts payable as presented with accounts payable numbers 57,106 to 57,296 in the amount of \$331,454.38. Said list is available in the Accounting Office.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.  
Motion declared duly passed.

10. CITY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

A. Community Action Partnership Meeting minutes of May 24, 2005:

Minutes were presented for informational purposes. No oral discussion was held.

11. PUBLIC ISSUES OF CITY CONCERN NOT ON THE AGENDA:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Bill Reitmeier

SECONDED BY: Carson Steiner

For adjournment of the meeting at 6:55 PM.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 5, Nay 0, Absent 0.

Motion declared duly passed.

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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Cindy Selinger, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

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Greg Sund, City Administrator

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Dennis W. Johnson, President  
Board of City Commissioners

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