

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present were: President Dennis W. Johnson, Commissioners Rhonda Dukart and Carson Steiner

Absent were: Commissioners Bill Reitmeier and Joe Frenzel

STANDARD MOTIONS1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

MOTION BY: Carson Steiner SECONDED BY: Rhonda Dukart

To approve the February 19, 2008 Order of Business as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried unanimously.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY: Rhonda Dukart SECONDED BY: Carson Steiner

A. Approve minutes of regular meeting dated February 4, 2008;

B. Approval of ND Department of Health Laboratory Services Division contract for year 2008;

C. Approval to award bid to Swanston Equipment Co. for a Trailer Mounted Spray Patcher in the amount of \$45,300 (2008 Budgeted lease purchase item);

D. Approval of the Department of Air Force contract for the aircraft display in Young's Park;

E. Approval of Workforce Safety and Insurance Grant Agreement for the aerial lift and authorize City Administrator to sign documents;

F. Approval to appoint Greg Sund as Point of Contact for Grants.gov;

G. Approval of Landfill Contract with G & G Garbage, Inc.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 2.

Motion declared duly passed.

TIMETABLE AGENDA

5:45 PM

TEN YEAR PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS – ERV BREN

Erv Bren, Director of Community Action Partnership and spokesperson for Southwest Homeless Coalition, presented the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. The report was funded through a State grant sponsored by the City and contracted through Community Action. Mr. Bren stated while the local economy is strong there is always a small amount of people left behind and homeless. He stated in North Dakota homelessness is different than in other urban centers as the homeless are usually hidden homeless. Examples of hidden homeless can include individuals evicted from apartments, those that have fled their home due to domestic violence, have been released from an institutionalized facilities, have a mental illness or simply do not have skills and income necessary to acquire and maintain housing. He stated research for the study showed 70% of SW ND homeless are home-grown and 30% are transient. He stated the committee identified five major goals to work on: 1. to retain a solid foundation of financial resources; 2. to increase skill building to prevent homelessness; 3. to provide a support system to end homelessness; 4. educate the community about homelessness; and 5. make sure we can provide appropriate housing facilities based upon their needs. Bren requested City Commission support of the plan and also appoint a representative that can be part of the Southwest Homeless Coalition.

President Johnson asked Mr. Bren what the homeless housing requirements are with Community Action Partnership. Bren stated Community Action rents three rooms at a local motel to house homeless individuals. Homeless families with children are housed by the Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center. He stated individuals can stay as long as five weeks depending upon the circumstance. He stated funding for this program comes half from federal funds and half from the annual United Way campaign drive.

Darriane Johnson of Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center stated in addition to housing homeless families, they also house sexual assault victims and families. She stated the maximum length of stay at the shelter is two years.

MOTION BY: Rhonda Dukart SECONDED BY: Carson Steiner
To approve the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness plan as presented.

DISCUSSION: Greg Sund stated Police Chief Chuck Rummel and Assistant Police Chief Stewart Stenberg have volunteered to be City representatives on the Southwest Homeless Coalition.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 2.
Motion declared duly passed.

NON-TIMETABLE AGENDA

4. GENERAL ISSUES/FINANCE

A. DECEMBER 2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

Accounting Manager, Tina Johnson presented the December 2007 financial report.

MOTION BY: Rhonda Dukart SECONDED BY: Carson Steiner
To accept the December 2007 financial report as presented.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 2.
Motion declared duly passed.

5. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. REPORTS:

1. Fire Department Monthly Report:

Fire Chief Bob Sivak highlighted the January report. He stated incident response activities were somewhat routine, however, the night duty callouts were above average.

2. Presentation of Water Utilities Safety Award:

Fire Chief Bob Sivak presented an Occupational Safety Award to Public Works Manager, Skip Rapp for the Water Utilities Department, on behalf of the ND Safety Council. He stated the award is given to departments that experience less injuries than the national average. Sivak stated the Dickinson Water Utilities Department had no injuries for year 2007. Sivak and President Johnson congratulated Skip Rapp and Water Utilities staff.

3. Police Department Monthly Report:

Police Chief Chuck Rummel highlighted the January report. He stated there were 60 vehicle accidents in January with 13 of those being hit and run accidents and 4 reported injury accidents. School Resource Officer Van Doorne continues to work on prevention and intervention in the schools. Van Doorne was involved in 25 incidents in the schools during January. An Alcohol Compliance check was done on January 18th with Frontier Liquors and Town & Country Liquor failing out of eight businesses tested. Letters were sent to both of the businesses that failed. Sr. Officer David Wilkie was promoted to Sergeant to fill an opening created by the retirement of Sgt. Rick Bartz.

6. PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING

A. ORDINANCE NO. 1348 – REZONE OF FISHER EAST SIDE 2ND SUBDIVISION

City Engineer Shawn Soehren stated Ordinance No. 1348 rezones property on the east of I-94 Business Loop where the old drive-in theatre was located. He stated Planning and Zoning recommends rezoned from R1 to R3, R2, and GC combination districts. President Johnson asked if there was any public comment regarding Ordinance No. 1348. No public comment was received.

MOTION BY: Carson Steiner SECONDED BY: Rhonda Dukart
For second reading and final passage of Ordinance No. 1348

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

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Carson Steiner SECONDED BY: Rhonda Dukart
For adjournment of the meeting at approximately 6:36 PM.
DISPOSITION: Roll call vote...Aye 3, Nay 0, Absent 2.
Motion declared duly passed.

OFFICIAL MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Cindy Selinger, Assistant to City Administrator

APPROVED BY:

Greg Sund, City Administrator

Dennis W. Johnson, President
Board of City Commissioners

Date: _____