

City of Valentine
Special Council Meeting
City Library Meeting Room
April 8, 2003

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, Nebraska was held April 8, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Valentine City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting being posted in three public locations on April 3, 2003. An agenda packet was available at the public information table.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance at this time.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman of the Council, Balliet, presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Balliet, Nelsen, Rhoades and Nieuwenhuis. Absent-Neujahr. Also in attendance were City Manager New and City Attorney Coupland. City Clerk Hanzlicek recorded the minutes. This meeting was called at the written request of the Council President.

2. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF THE VALENTINE CITY CLERK/TREASURER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE POSITION

The City Council has received the written resignation from the City Clerk/Treasurer, John Hanzlicek. Mr. Hanzlicek has been employed with the city for approximately 16 years. He will be in town and if the Council or the public has any questions he can be contacted. The resignation will be effective May 2, 2003 and after that time if his services are wanted, he could be employed as a part time City Clerk or have a contractual agreement with the city. He stated that he did not have any regrets working for the City of Valentine and thanked the current Council, previous Councils and the public. The item of part time status or a contractual agreement will be on the Council agenda for April 21, 2003. A letter or recommendations will be submitted by Mr. Hanzlicek to the Council. The Council thanked the City Clerk/Treasurer for the job that he had done.

City Manager New discussed the possibility of dividing the City Clerk/Treasurer position into two. At this time the advertisement will be for the City Clerk/Treasurer position as it currently is. Advertising will begin immediately.

Councilmember Rhoades made the motion to accept the resignation and to authorize for the advertisement of the position. Second by Councilmember Nelsen. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Absent-Neujahr. Motion carried.

3. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AGREEMENT FOR PARK SERVICES

City Manager New updated the Council on the status of the grass mowing arrangement for the City of Valentine. In 2001 the city spent \$21,700 for mowing services only with bathroom maintenance included. Last year the city hired George Farel who mowed the City Park, Colburn Park, City Hall and did maintenance on equipment. Mr. Farel received \$6,800 in salary. Mr. Farel has agreed to come back and he would like to have a trailer for living quarters in the park and have year round employment. If hired, he would mow the City Park, the Mill Pond, the ballfields, Colburn Park and City Hall. Ecology Park could eventually be added to this list. He is requesting \$20,000 which could be extended into a contract and he would work year round. Gym janitorial and other maintenance items would keep him busy year round.

It was suggested that a few pads for campers be placed in the park and charge a fee for its use. The park is not being used to its fullest extent and with the addition of staff maybe more services could be offered.

If a trailer is in the park for living quarters, what does the trailer look like? It should be a nice trailer. If someone lived in the park then it would look nicer and vandalism could be deterred. Equipment will need to be added to keep up with the extra mowing duties.

Councilmember Nelsen made the motion to encourage the City Manager to come to an agreement with George Farel on park services and mowing of associated areas. Second by Councilmember Nieuwenhuis. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Absent-Neujahr. Motion carried.

4. MEETING ADJOURNED

With no further business before the Council, Councilmember Nelsen made the motion to adjourn. Second by Councilmember Nieuwenhuis. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Absent-Neujahr. Motion carried.

President of Council

I, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Valentine, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects including the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting; kept continually current and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk; that such subjects were published in the Midland Newspaper; that said minutes were written and made available April 11, 2003.

John Hanzlicek-City Clerk