

City of Valentine
Special Council Meeting
City Library Meeting Room
September 22, 2003

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, Nebraska was held September 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Valentine City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting being posted in three public locations prior to said meeting. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the public. A Public Information Council Agenda packet was available at the public information table.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Council and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance prior to the start of the meeting.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson of the Council, Balliet presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Balliet, Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Also in attendance were City Manager New, and legal representative Coupland. City Clerk Hanzlicek recorded the minutes.

2. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SOLID WASTE RATES

The Council was provided a proposed Resolution which was prepared after discussion and consideration at previous Council meetings. The increase would be \$1 per month for the residential, small business and commercial customer. This amendment would help with the cash flow at the landfill and to offer an increase in the hauler contract with Perrett Environmental.

Councilmember Neujahr made the motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Second by Councilmember Nelsen. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Motion carried.

3. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK/TREASURER

A committee consisting of City Manager New, City Clerk/Treasurer Hanzlicek and Councilmembers Nieuwenhuis and Balliet interviewed the candidates for the City Clerk/Treasurer position. The Councilmembers on the committee are recommending that Patricia Woodcock be hired to fill the position.

Ms. Woodcock was in attendance to introduce herself to the Council. She stated that she would be able to start working for the City on October 6, 2003. She currently lives in Kearney and her parents live in North Platte so she would still be close to family. She found the job application on the Workforce web site.

City Clerk Hanzlicek stated that he would make himself available to help train Ms. Woodcock as long as she feels comfortable with that. He also would like to make sure that he is involved when the fiscal year audit is conducted.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis made the motion to hire Patricia Woodcock as the Clerk/Treasurer with the starting salary of \$22,500.00. Second by Councilmember Neujahr. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Motion carried.

4. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE REQUEST FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON A DISPATCHER AGREEMENT

County Commissioner Ravenscroft visited with City Manager New regarding the negotiations on a dispatcher agreement. He would like to have met on September 30, 2003 but there is an Emergency Management meeting scheduled for that evening. The Council discussed the lack of time this date would offer and suggested that another date be selected that would allow plenty of time to discuss and review items of interest. A special meeting should be called by both
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boards with only the dispatcher agreement and jail facility location on the agenda.

Councilmember Nelsen stated that the County will accept what the City has placed in the budget for this coming year, which was a 10% increase over the previous year. Next year they would like 20% plus other expenses.

The City of Valentine can levy five cents above the lid whenever an interlocal agreement is in place with another taxing entity. This is where the City of Valentine may be able to get some additional funding.

Councilmember Nieuwenhuis pointed out that the City of Valentine hands over the money to the County and we do not have any input. Additional time would be needed to in a meeting to discuss the dispatcher agreement and the jail facility.

5. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON LOCATING A JAIL FACILITY IN BLOCK 10 OF ORIGINAL TOWN

Based on the discussion held under agenda item #4, Councilmember Nieuwenhuis made the motion to table agenda items #4 and #5. Second by Councilmember Balliet. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Motion carried.

6. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DECLARING CERTAIN ITEMS OF THE CITY OF VALENTINE AS SURPLUS

City Manager New presented a list of items to the Council that could be considered as surplus to the City. Cherry County will be conducting an auction of their surplus items and we could include our listing in their sale. The items proposed as surplus are: small air compressor, small hydraulic pump and valve, generator, Case tractor weights, old kerosene lanterns, miscellaneous tire, 30' x 30' new culvert, the Luv pickup truck and the 1981 Electric Department Bucket Truck.

Discussion was held on placing a minimum bid on an item, specifically the 1981 Bucket Truck. Neil Wescott was in attendance and suggested that it would be worth \$10,000. It was also suggested that this item could be advertised in other publications in an attempt to sell it.

Councilmember Nelsen made the motion to recommend a \$10,000 minimum bid on the 1981 bucket truck and that the items on the list that was presented are to be declared surplus but the other items will not have a minimum bid on them and all of the items are to be included with the County surplus auction. Second by Councilmember Rhoades. Roll call vote: Aye-Balliet, Neujahr, Nelsen, Rhoades, Nieuwenhuis. Nay-none. Motion carried.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED

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

President of Council

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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 made available October 1, 2003.

John Hanzlicek
City Clerk