

## Minutes of Special Council Meeting

A special meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, Nebraska was held January 6, 2005 at 7:00 in the Valentine City Library Meeting Room. Such meeting was posted by 9:00 A.M. on January 5, 2005 by Norma Jean New, City Manager.

Chairman of the Council Wescott presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Neujahr, Kluender, Petersen and Wescott: Absent Nelson. City Manager New was in attendance and recorded the minutes.

The special meeting was called for the purpose of interviews for City Manager position and City Clerk position. City Manager New presented an employment agreement from Dennis R. Sparks . No action was taken.. Richard S, Blecker met with the Council and explained his elements of experience as a city administrator. After discussion, Pat Neujahr moved to go into Executive Session at 8:16 P.M. Kluender seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Neujahr, Wescott, Kluender, Petersen . Absent: Nelson. Motion carried. Councilman Wescott closed the executive session at 8:57P.M at which time the regular council meeting convened.

Neujahr moved to offer a two year contract, with an automatic renewal to Richard S. Blecker. Contract to allow 24 personal days, payment of personal insurance for dental and glasses, and moving expense of at least \$1,000.00; \$55,000.00 starting salary with a 6 month review and a proposed \$2500.00 increase after the review. Councilman Petersen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Wescott, Peterson, Neujahr, Kluender. Absent: Don Nelson. Motion carried.

Interviews were opened for City Clerk/Treasurer. John Hanzlicek and Deanna Schmidt interviewed for City Clerk/Treasurer. A third applicant was unable to attend the meeting and new was advised to set another special meeting.

Change Order # 1/Final was presented to the City Council on the Valentine Landfill construction in the amount of \$7,768.06 from Olsson Associates on the Valentine Landfill Construction; Items listed were New Lift Station lid; change piping to stainless steel; reimburse contractor for friction testing; freight and labor to obtain samples and ship and to install a 6" DIP MJ coupling at the lift station. With the addition, the total Phase 2 Construction was \$304,488.31. Petersen moved to approve the change order. Kluender seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Neujahr, Wescott, Kluender, Petersen. Nay : none Motion carried.

With no further business before the Council the meeting was adjourned.

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Norma Jean New, for the City