

City of Valentine
Regular Council Meeting
City Library Meeting Room
March 21, 2005

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, Nebraska was held March 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Valentine City Library Meeting Room, the same notice of meeting being published in the Valentine Midland News. 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.

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairperson of the Council Wescott presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Neujahr, Nelsen, Kluender, and Wescott. Absent was Council member Petersen. Also in attendance was City Manager Richard Blecker, Norma Jean New, Deanna Schmit, City Clerk, recorded the minutes.

2. PUBLIC AUCTION

A public auction pursuant to notice in the Valentine Midland News was opened at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of selling Lots 1 through 5 and Lot 8, Block 4, City Third Addition to the City of Valentine, Cherry County, NE and Lots 1 through 6 and Lot 8, Block 5, City Third Addition to the City of Valentine, Cherry County, NE. As no bids were presented the auction closed at 8:00 p.m. with no action taken.

3. CIVIC GROUP RECOGNITION

Monty Neiffer was present to share information about the Crime Stoppers of Cherry County. Crime Stoppers is an international organization that works through organized local chapters to help in the solving of local criminal activity. They provide a hotline for anonymous tips and offer cash rewards when a tip helps to solve a crime.

4. CONSENT AGENDA: AGENDA ITEMS #4 AND #5

Councilmember Neujahr made the motion to approve consent agenda items **#5: a. Library Board meeting of March 1, 2005; #5 b. Planning Commission meeting of March 7, 2005; #5 c. Cemetery Board meeting of March 14, 2005**

#6 a. Special Council meeting minutes of December 13, 2004; b. Special Council meeting minutes of February 10, 2005-Solid Waste; c. Regular Council meeting minutes of February 21, 2005; d. Special Council meeting minutes of February 28, 2005; e. Special Council meeting minutes of March 2, 2005 with the exception of #5b which needs clarification. Nelsen seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Wescott, Nelsen, Kluender, and Neujahr. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION OF 2003-2004 AUDIT BY McDERMOTT & MILLER

The representative from McDermott & Miller was not able to be in attendance due to the weather.

8. 7:30 PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT IN VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS SEALED BIDS ON ECOLOGY PARK MOWING AND BALL FIELD CONCESSION STAND SERVICES TO BE OPENED.

9. SEALED BIDS REVIEWED

a) Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to award the cemetery mowing service to Neil's Tree Service for \$15,000.00 as per recommendation of the the cemetery board. Roll call vote, Nelsen, aye, Wescott, abstain, Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye. Motion carried.

b) Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to award the Ecology Park mowing services to Gary Gallino for \$4,300.00 because the lowest bid did not provide proof of insurance. Roll call vote, Neujahr, aye, Wescott, aye, Nelsen, aye, Kluender, aye. Motion carried

c) Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to award the bid for the ballfield concession stand to Jerry Wescott for \$75.00. Roll call vote, Neujahr, aye, Kluender, aye, Nelsen, aye, Wescott, aye. Motion carried.

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10. 8:00 PUBLIC AUCTION PURSUANT TO ADVERTISEMENT IN VALENTINE MIDLAND NEWS FOR LEASE OF PARCEL A 135.0 ACRES MORE OR LESS

Based on the recommendation of the Natural Resources Conservation District Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to postpone this item to the July, 2005 meeting. Roll call vote, Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye, Nelsen, aye, Wescott, aye. Motion carried.

11. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 2005-2029P

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to adopt ordinance No. 2005-2029P repealing ordinance No. 2004-2025P and that the statutory rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended. Roll call vote, Nelsen, aye, Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye, Wescott, aye. Motion carried.

12. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION/AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR 2005 STREET MAINTENANCE

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to advertise for concrete and labor for the 2005 street maintenance projects. Roll call vote, Nelsen, aye, Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye, Wescott, aye. Motion carried.

13. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FOR HANDICAP PARKING

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to adopt the amended resolution on handicap parking on the 200 block of Main Street and on Third Street and Main Street. Roll call vote, Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye, Wescott, aye, Nelsen, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

14. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON POLICE VEHICLE ACQUISITION

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to authorize City Manager Blecker to pursue publication of bids for police equipment including vehicles, radar, and body armor. Roll call vote, Neujahr, aye, Nelsen, aye, Wescott, aye, Kluender, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

15. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON UPGRADE/UPDATE AUTOMATION

City Manager Blecker presented information concerning the need for upgrading the computer system at City Hall. Council advised Mr. Blecker to proceed with the automation.

16. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CITY LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX PROPOSAL AND CONSULTANT AGREEMENT

The Council decided to proceed with the sales tax proposal plan with the county bringing forth a plan within forty-five days to then decide on joint action.

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to approve the contract with Gene McCoy. Roll call vote, Wescott, aye, Nelsen, aye, Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

17. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FEBRUARY, 2005 CLAIMS AND PAYROLL

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to approve claims and payroll for February, 2005. Roll call vote: Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

18. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DECEMBER, 2004 AND JANUARY, 2005 FINANCIAL REPORTS

These reports were not made available for approval.

19. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FEBRUARY, 2005 RECEIPT REPORT

This report was not made available for approval.

20. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION OF APPROVAL OF EXTRA HOURS/OVERTIME FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to approve extra hours/overtime for police department personnel until full police staff is attained. Roll call vote: Nelsen, aye, Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye, Wescott, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

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21. NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Update meter deposit policy**

b) **Joint City/County meeting to be held at County Commissioners room on March 29, 2005 at 7:00 p.m.**

Council agreed to meet with the County Commissioners on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the County Commissioners room

c) **Proposal of Landfill/Solid Waste meeting on March 31, 2005 at 7:00**

Council agreed to hold a special meeting on March 31, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Library meeting room for the purpose of finalizing the solid waste proposals, discussion of engineering on paving district #106 and a controlled burn at the mill pond.

27. MEETING ADJOURNED:

There being no further business before the council Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, that the meeting be adjourned. Roll call vote: Kluender, aye, Neujahr, aye, Wescott, aye, Nelsen, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

President of the Council

I, the undersigned City Clerk 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 March 3, 2005.

Deanna Schmit
City Clerk