

City of Valentine
Regular Council Meeting
City Library Meeting Room
Monday, December 18, 2006
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Valentine, Valentine, Nebraska was held December 18, 2006 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. Notice was given of posting of the open meetings act on the back wall of the meeting room.

The Council and those in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

Chairperson of the Council Wescott presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Kluender, Nelsen, Neujahr, Petersen. Also in attendance were City Manager Siewert, City Attorney Beel and Deanna Schmit, City Clerk, recorded the minutes.

Councilmember Neujahr made the motion to approve consent agenda items:
#2a. Library Board meeting minutes of December 5, 2006; #2b. Planning Commission meeting minutes of December 4, 2006; #3 a. Regular Council meeting minutes of November 20, 2006; #4 October, 2006 Financial Reports; #5 November, 2006 Receipt Report; #6 November, 2006 Claims & Payroll. Councilmember Kluender seconded the motion. Voting Aye: Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr. Motion carried unanimously.

The following reports were presented:

- a.) Chief Ben McBride presented a review of November activity and an overview of the past year.
- b.) Mike Burge reported on current activities of the Valentine/Cherry County Economic Development Board including an update on interest in Agratourism and Eco-tourism grants..

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to approve closure of Main street from 4th street south to "B" street on Saturday, February 10- 2007 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the bull bash. Voting aye: Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Neujahr made a motion, seconded by Wescott, to adopt a resolution to add a crosswalk and corresponding signage to the 3rd and Cherry street intersection. Voting aye: Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to accept the planning commission recommendation for conditional use for Bert and Shiela Townley for a bed and breakfast and for the City for the new substation. Voting aye: Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen. Motion carried unanimously.

7:40 p.m. A public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the vacation of the alley from "B" street south to the back side of the Motel Raine was opened.

8:02 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Petersen, to reject the vacation of the alley from "B" street south to the back side of the Motel Raine, with the provision that the alley be properly located on City property. Voting aye: Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to accept the recommendation of the Valentine/Cherry County Economic Development Board and the Valentine Chamber of Commerce for approval of Bruce Johnson, Reba Crissman, Dave Tehrani, Sarah Jordan, Tim Henderson, Scotty Millard and Wayne Jones to the Economic Development Program Citizen Advisory Review Committee. Voting aye: Neujahr, Kluender, Nelsen, Petersen, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to accept the Peter Kiewit Foundation \$200,000.00 swimming pool challenge grant. Voting aye: Nelsen, Wescott, Kluender, Petersen, Neujahr. Motion carried unanimously.

Following much discussion concerning the creation of Pine Crest Acres water and sewer improvement districts no action was taken at this time.

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to waive the statutory rule requiring the reading of Ordinance No. 2006-2063M on three different days. Voting aye: Petersen, Neujahr, Nelsen, Wescott, Kluender. Motion carried unanimously.

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Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to adopt Ordinance No. 2006-2064M authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds, series 2007, in the principal amount of \$1,875,000.00 to pay the cost of constructing a replacement swimming pool and related improvements and providing necessary equipment and apparatus for such swimming pool and related improvements. Voting aye: Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to write off uncollectible utility accounts as presented in the amount of \$6,553.19. Voting aye: Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Incumbent councilmembers Nelsen and Neujahr were sworn in for a four-year term. Councilmember Nelsen nominated Rowdy Kluender for the position of President of the Council, Councilmember Neujahr seconded the nomination. Neil Wescott nominated himself for the position of President of the Council, Councilmember Kluender seconded the nomination. Councilmember Nelsen moved that nominations cease, Councilmember Neujahr seconded the motion. Rowdy Kluender was elected City Council President with a vote of four to one.

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There being no further business before the council Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Voting aye: Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender. 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 December 19, 2006.

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