

City of Valentine
Regular Council Meeting
City Library Meeting Room
Monday, January 15, 2007
7:00 p.m.

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

Chairperson of the Council Kluender presided at the meeting with the following Council members in attendance: Wescott, 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 January 9, 2007; #2b. #3 a. Regular Council meeting minutes of December 18, 2006; #4 November, 2006 Financial Reports; #5 December, 2006 Receipt Report; #6 December, 2006 Claims & Payroll. Councilmember Nelsen 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 December activity and reported that Officer Mason had moved to Omaha and Officer Miller was moved to full time as of January 2, 2007. Also, chief McBride informed the council that the police offices in city hall were being expanded to allow for more interview room.
- b.) Mike Burge reported on current activities of the Valentine/Cherry County Economic Development Board including an update on the Value Added Ag Program and continued interest in Agra-tourism and Eco-tourism grants. Mike informed the council of some interest in new businesses and current business expansions.
- c.) Anne Quigley was present to offer the annual library report which included an overview of finances, a review of programs being sponsored by the library, and an update on the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library.
- d.) City Manager updated the council and those in attendance on what's happening with TV/KNOP on the cable system.

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Petersen, to adopt a proclamation declaring the week of January 14-20, 2007 as Valentine Junior Chamber Week. Voting aye: Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to adopt a resolution in support of the Heart City Child Advocacy Center. Voting aye: Nelsen, Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen. Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reached a consensus to grant an extension on a City Third lot to be detailed by a resolution to be considered at the February meeting.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to accept the bid from Soloman Corporation for a transformer for the new sub-station. Voting aye: Kluender, Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Neujahr, to approve a request to build a new/larger dog pound on the airport property contingent upon fund raising efforts and with the City Manager involved in the decision-making. Voting aye: Neujahr, Wescott, Petersen, Nelsen, Kluender. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Wescott made a motion, seconded by Nelsen, to put in 340 feet of water and sewer in Pine Crest Acres at the city's expense from Thatcher west on Candice Road. Voting aye: Nelsen, Wescott. Voting no: Neujahr, Kluender, Petersen, Motion failed three to two.

No action was taken on the resolution to join Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust.

Councilmember Petersen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, to enter into contract with Susan Neujahr-Beel as the city attorney for 2007. Voting aye: Nelsen, Wescott, Kluender Petersen. Abstain: Neujahr. Motion carried four with one abstention.

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Chairperson Kluender declared closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy for Norma Jean New age/gender discrimination lawsuit begin at 9:53 p.m.

Chairperson Kluender declared closed session over at 10:27 p.m.

There being no further business before the council Councilmember Nelsen made a motion, seconded by Kluender, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:28 p.m. Voting aye: Kluender, Petersen, Neujahr, Nelsen, Wescott. 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 January 16, 2007.

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