

**SACRED HEART CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 14, 2016**

Mayor Dan Agre called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Dick Ashburn, Scott Thompson and Brooke Hebrink.

Absent: Randy Johnson

Guests Present: Scott Hable and Doug Pomplun-Renville County Sheriff's Office; Aaron Pape; Steve Agre-Agre Insurance; Jeff Agre- (Chief) Sacred Heart Fire Department; Nathan Feist and Paul Jurek (Bollig Inc.)

Additions to agenda: None.

Hebrink made a motion, second by Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2016 Special Meeting, February 8, 2016 Regular Meeting and the February 24, 2016 Special Meeting.

The council reviewed the bills. Thompson made a motion, second by Hebrink, and carried to approve payment of the bills as presented.

Scott Hable and Doug Pomplun were on hand to discuss the details and benefits of the County Contract for law enforcement services. The contract will include monthly reporting with hours, calls, stops and attendance quarterly at council meeting by a peace officer. Peace officers will also be involved with the community. The city can opt out at any time when the contract ends. Hebrink made a motion, second by Ashburn, and carried to approve the 40 hour contract beginning April 1, 2016 pending review of the contract by the city attorney, Spencer Kvam.

Aaron Pape was on hand to discuss manure piling within city limits. Manure piling will continue as close to harvest as possible, and will be spread as soon as possible after piling takes place.

Steve Agre from Agre Insurance was on hand to present to the council the rates for the insurance for the city. Insurance for 2016 will cost the city \$49,880.00. This is a 1% decrease from the \$49,618.00 paid in 2015. A motion was made by Thompson, second by Hebrink, and carried to accept the premium of \$49,880.00 for property and liability insurance with the understanding that the City of Sacred Heart does not waive the limit on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statute 466.04.

Chief Agre was on hand to discuss the city implemented mutual aid that will be taking effect in a couple weeks. The Sacred Heart Fire Department will be paged for all Renville Fire calls and the city will incur additional costs for these calls. Chief Agre will keep the council posted on the progress of this new program and if costs incurred become too high.

Liquor Store Manager Bart Estum was present to give the monthly liquor store report. He informed the council that annual reviews were done on two liquor store employees and a 5% raise will be given to the employees. Entertainment is scheduled for March 26th and for the Smelt Feed on April 1st. He also informed the council that the buck tournament went very

well. A discussion was held on the Liquor Store ATM running slow. A new insert will be installed for the new chip cards and Bart will check into any possibilities of speeding up the software or connection on the ATM.

Cleanup day is set for April 30, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to rid their properties of unsightly debris and appliances. No garbage will be collected at the cleanup site. A letter of enforcement will be sent out with this month's water bills also containing the details of cleanup day.

Nathan Feist and Paul Jurek, Bollig, Inc. gave a report on the Infrastructure Project. Currently in process of working on the Chemical Building and the Trickling Filter should be on-line mid-March. Construction meeting was held on February 2. The Utilities Project has ceased for the winter months. The next construction meeting will be on March 1.

One change order was presented to the council for the project. Hebrink motioned, second by Ashburn, and carried to approve change order #2 for the utilities project (reroute sanitary sewer from alley M to Walnut Street).

One engineering amendment was presented to the council for the project. Hebrink motioned, second by Ashburn, and carried to approve engineering amendment #1 to the infrastructure contract (\$182,446.00).

A discussion was held on the vacant maintenance position. An ad was reviewed and will be posted in the Renville County Register, West Central Tribune and with the League of Minnesota Cities. Applications will be accepted through March 25, 2016.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Sietsema was on hand to give his report to the council.

Council member Thompson informed the council that there was no SHEDA meeting held this month and therefore, no information to report at this time.

There being no further business, motion made by Johnson, second by Hebrink, and carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Colette LeGare
City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

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