

White City Council Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2017

The City council of White met June 5, 2017 for their monthly meeting, Martha Brandt was absent. Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Wilts and Hopfinger renewed their oaths of office.

The agenda was reviewed and approved, motion made by Hopfinger, seconded by Kelm. The May meeting minutes had minor adjustments as the wrong date was listed for the next council meeting. Motion by Kelm to correct the minutes to June 5th meeting, not the 7th. Second made by Westberg. Bills were also presented and approved, excluding Fite & Pierce attorney bill, motion made by Westberg, seconded by Wilts to review their bill in executive session.

The Pioneer Day received permission from the council to proceed with the demo derby to be held at the west end of Main Street off of Railroad Ave. The streets around Railroad and 5th Street will be blocked off. A separate malt beverage license will be requested for the event and no open containers will be allowed outside the event area. The committee has advised that they will be reseeding the space following the event.

Kenneth Goens has had the property he owns in the addition to be re-surveyed and a new plot map was proposed to the council members. Kelm made a motion to approve the new plotting map, seconded by Hopfinger. New building permits were also presented, motion by Kelm to approve, seconded by Wilts.

The shingles have been completed on the hall, however there were some questions regarding the seamless gutters and the water runoff. Motion made by Wilts to direct the water to the east on the northside of the hall, seconded by Hopfinger.

Mayor Wright received a request from Tim Cariveau regarding updating the basketball hoops at the park. Cost would run about \$1800 for new backboards. Westberg made the motion to table the request until the city could look for possible grant money to assist or talk with the Booster Club to see if costs could be split. Kelm seconded the motion.

Dan DeYoung advised the council that he would be spraying for mosquitos regularly on Wednesdays and Sundays, after 9pm or so, weather permitting. He was adding 2 loads of gravel to Golf View Drive to help with potholes. Had to flush a couple of culverts, spray the softball diamonds with Roundup, fix a hydrant that was leaking, fix the bleachers on the south field as they are rotting out. Wilts had been cleaning the park and baseball diamonds, but is unable to continue as she used her allotted hours up. Tracy will be asked to take over.

No further news regarding the White Care Center at this time. McKnight Hall is continuing with its update. Francis Anderson will be installing a new HVAC unit before Pioneer Days. Council will have a sound check done to determine sound proofing needs. The Council discussed whether how to reserve the Picnic Shelter, and decided that reservations need to be made through the City Finance Office to reserve the building and tables. Motion made by Westberg, seconded by Hopfinger to review the current contract and re-post to the city website once approved.

A request was made to add McKenzie Wilts to the cleaning crew. No action was taken as council did not have a quorum to vote.

The Finance Office received another \$5000 from Heartland Power for help with heating/cooling expenses for the 2017 year. Mary Raine, temporary officer, also planted a planter for Pioneer Days on behalf of the council – one with white flowers for the White Wildcats in the planter by Wade Tirrel. She informed council that the audit can not be completed until the months of Oct. – Dec. of 2016 can be entered into the Banyon accounting system. She has been in contact with Anita Lowrey, city finance officer from Groton for the past 39 years, to help get the office in order. Once completed, Wilts made the motion to add the payroll program to the current system and pay for the base support and training, seconded by Hopfinger. The office will also be getting a new phone.

The Council decided to move the normal meeting date from July 3rd to July 10th due to the holiday, motion by Westberg, second by Kelm. Motion was also made by Hopfinger to send Mary Raine to the Debit/Credit Workshop on June 29th, seconded by Wilts. The finance office will be closed from the 29th to July 5th. Elected officials training is July 19th and Budget training is July 27th, with both classes to be held in Sioux Falls later in the year.

Arlene Madsen advised that there was a bolt missing on the top corner of the jungle gym at the park. She also updated the council on the successful event in Brandon, where her and Chad Schulte hosted a booth on behalf of the Community Club and city of White. She suggested leaving our city brochures at Party Depot and area real estate agents to help promote the city.

No sheriffs report was available. Mayor Wright received a letter stating there may be grant money to help repair the streets used primarily for farming and the elevator. To qualify for the grant, the city must be under 5000 residents, and have an agriculture industry. He will look into that more.

Nuisance violations were mostly overgrown vegetation and weeds. Delinquent accounts were reviewed and motion made by Westberg, seconded by Wilts, to disconnect those accounts severely past due. Mary will look into red stickers for notifying residents and updating the current ordinance/policy for reconnection.

Council went into executive session at 9:30pm, motion by Hopfinger, second by Wilts. The meeting reconvened at 10:44, motion by Wilts, second by Westberg. Meeting adjourned at 10:55pm