

Council Meeting  
April 4, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

Council Present: John Bigart III, Jaime Odell, Marvin Garding. Salinas Bartel was absent. Mayor Josh Acker entered at 7:45.

A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Marvin to approve the March 7, 2017 minutes as read. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Jaime seconded by Marvin to approve the claims from check number 15028 through 15051 totaling \$16,864.87. All were in favor.

**Water Sewer:** James Claxton was at the meeting. He updated on what was happening in the department. Doug Lausch passed his wastewater exam James will need to retake his. He is able to re-apply for a temporary certificate and will have up to a year to pass his test. They have been working in 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Rosehill Lane to divert the water.

**Fire Department:** Chief Joe Calnan was not at the meeting.

**Sheriff Department:** Sheriff Bauer was not at the meeting.

**County Planner:** Tim Read was not at the meeting.

**New Business:**

**Sandra Fairbank 102 5<sup>th</sup> St.:** Sandra Fairbank was at the meeting and informed on the sewer repairs she had done on her property. She had had continuous problems with the line backing up. She eventually hired a contractor to come in and fix the line. Jhawn Thompson from Dirty Treasures discussed what he had done to repair the line. John stated that he thought the town could be responsible for having not repaired the line correctly in December of 2015 when Northwestern Energy had busted the town's main line. The town should have come in the spring and fixed the line properly. However anything else would be the property owner's responsibility. John then explained that he thought the Mayor should be involved with the decision and could this be on next month's agenda. Sandra wanted to know why she had not been informed when the problem occurred. At the time the town did not know whose sewer line had been damaged.

**Mini-Excavator:** Doug Lausch would like the town to purchase a mini-excavator so that they don't have to always rent one. Jaime wanted to know how many projects they had going on this summer that would warrant the purchase versus rental costs. John suggested that at this time renting would probably be in the town's best interest. Jaime suggested that then we could see how much we spend this year and go from there.

**Summer Park Maintenance:** This year Doug Lausch has a lot of maintenance to do on the town buildings and will not be able to keep up with the mowing, weed eating, etc. at

the park. The information will be posted and put on next month's agenda. This is a seasonal position going from May through September.

**Public Comment:**

Angela MacDonald and Zelma Kromrey from the Railroad Day Foundation were in. They would like to have tent camping at the east end of the park by the tennis courts for Railroad Day. They will have them sign an agreement between the campers and the foundation. This would be for tents only no campers or driving on the park. John would like to see the agreement.

Glenda Wallace updated on the town's website. Jaime wanted to know if we had a community calendar on the website. No just the community page. There is updated software that would make it easier for all types of media to be able to utilize the website. John would like to see a proposal.

At this time the Mayor entered and John wanted to revisit the Sandra Fairbank issue again on whether the town is or isn't responsible and if so for what. John suggested that the town pay for the cost that would have incurred had it been repaired properly in the spring. The Mayor suggested that the town turn it over to our insurance and see what they say. The clerk will file the claim.

A motion was made by John seconded by Marvin to adjourn.

Being no further business this meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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Clerk

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