

## LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Lincoln city council was called to order by Mayor Gerarld Wise at 7:00 pm, at the Lincoln Community Center, 74 Santee Road, Lincoln, ND. Members Present: Volk, Fisher, Zainhofsky, and Daly. Others present: Hunt, Forman, Justin Hagel, Lance Hagen, Don Schuler, SEH reps Ashley and Ken, Bill Dean, Mike and Sarah Bauer, John Wagner, William Janisch, and Police Chief Gibbs.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Reading of minutes for December 17, 2015 special meeting added to the agenda.

Motion by Daly

Seconded by Zainhofsky

Motion carried.

#### **Approval of minutes for December 3, 2015**

Motion by Fischer to approve the minutes.

Seconded by Volk.

Motion carried.

#### **Approval of minutes for December 17, 2015**

Motion by Volk to table approval of minutes until next meeting.

Seconded by Zainhofsky.

Motion carried.

#### **Will Hutchings summary of Bicycle Friendly Community**

A regional task force, assembled by the Bismarck-Mandan MPO, has prepared an application for the League of American Bicyclists to recognize the cities of Bismarck, Mandan and Lincoln, and the counties of Burleigh and Morton as a Bicycle Friendly Community. There is no cost to participate. Application is in draft status and will be submitted to the MPO Policy Board on January 19, 2016.

#### **Second reading of proposed new alcohol permit**

Motion by Fischer to table until next meeting to determine a fee for the permit.

Seconded by Volk.

Motion carried.

#### **First reading to amend compensation for Mayor and Council Members**

Motion by Volk to amend pay from \$140 to \$185 for the Mayor, and from \$120 to \$160 for Council Members.

Seconded by Fischer.

Motion carried.

#### **Proposal and Estimate for utilization of Municode for supplementation services**

Justin Hagel, City Attorney, presented Municode for webhosting and maintenance of ordinances. First year would be at no cost. Ordinances would be easily searchable and references would be hyperlinked. They also have a legal team that would cross reference for any discrepancies. Council agreed to discuss Municode at next month's meeting.

### **Recommendation to approve application for Abatement of Taxes**

Motion by Fischer to approve the application.

Seconded by Zainhofsky.

Motion carried.

### **Recommendation to update the Lincoln Comprehensive Plan**

Ashley with SEH, City Engineers, talked about the strategic plan for the city which was recommended by Planning & Zoning. It is a road map and policy guide to the future growth of the city. SEH would like to be proactive instead of reactive. Our current comprehensive plan is written more as report than a roadmap. SEH strongly urges the City of Lincoln to follow P&Z's request and approve the update of the comprehensive plan for the city. Daly stated that it is not budgeted for 2016 and would like to table until we get a handle on the finances. Mayor Wise would like to bring the recommendation back to the agenda in March. John Wagner stated the council needs to start working on the budget now. Lance Hagen stated the city is slowing down and capital is getting harder to raise.

### **First Reading of Proposed Public Sites Park Ordinance**

Lance Hagen, Wheatland Hills Developers, is pro parks and stated that we need to do a better job of planning parks. Someone has to pay for the parks. We need to be pro-development and send a message to Bismarck that we want new development in Lincoln. The city needs to look at it on an individual basis. Hagen stated the city needs more regional parks than little park spaces. Don Schuler, with the Lincoln Park District, stated that the problem is with developers giving land that is basically watershed and play equipment cannot be put on watershed land.

Motion by Volk to approve park ordinance.

Seconded by Zainhofsky.

Motion carried.

### **Approval of Special Permits**

- DJ's Tavern – Food License
- Tri-Energy Coop – Food License
- Tumbleweed Bar and Grill – Food License
- FM Crusaders – Raffle Permit

Motion by Zainhofsky to approve all permits.

Seconded by Fisher.

Motion carried.

### **Cheryl Heck contributions to the city**

Mayor Wise talked about Heck's willingness to take in cats that were never claimed from the city animal pound. He stated that Lincoln lost a valuable resident and will need to look for someone to help find strays a home.

### **Tax Incentives**

Lance Hagen talked about the Home Rule Charter and is looking for tax incentives for his new Lightning Strip Mall. He would like to pass on the savings to future tenants. Justin Hagel will have a report on the Home Rule Charter by next meeting.

### **P&Z Pay Review**

Tabled until next meeting.

### **Oath of Officer**

William Janisch was sworn in as our new officer to replace John Pfau, who resigned effective January 12, 2016.

### **Portfolios**

Tom Volk – Stated that there has been an increase in calls for service and arrests. In the past, normal calls and arrests were 1000-1200 a year. We ended 2015 with just over 1600 calls. Drug arrests have doubled and there have been several DUI and DUS arrests. Officer Gibbs commented that revenue is increasing by being proactive. Within the next 7-8 weeks, the City of Lincoln will be getting a new police vehicle. It was decided the city needed an SUV for security purposes.

Toni Zainhofsky– Reported that she has a list of inoperable vehicles and unkept yards. She and Police Chief Gibbs will tag vehicles and Toni will send letters to residents.

Karen Daly – Tree Board is not meeting during the winter months. The finances are slowly getting up to date. Once December is balanced we can move forward, but the city is still in the black.

### **Motion to approve finances**

Motion by Volk to approve finances.

Seconded by Daly.

Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Daly invited Bill Dean with New Vision Security. Dean stated that for \$3900 we can secure entrances to the city building. With their system, we can add additional security as needed down the road. Mayor Wise would like all officers be Notary Publics. A Lincoln resident has a concern about a neighbor renting rooms to people that are not in the best character and believe it is a safety issue. They stated that it is zoned R1, single family. Volk said that he would have the city attorney look into it.

### **Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.**

Motion by Volk to adjourn.

Seconded by Zainhofsky.

Motion carried.

Paula Hunt, City Auditor