

CITY OF LINCOLN
COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Lincoln city council was called to order by Mayor Bob Johnston at 7:00 pm, at the Lincoln Community Center, 74 Santee Road, Lincoln, ND. Other Members Present: Zainhofsky, Daly and Fischer. Absent: Urlacher.

Approval of minutes for December 4th 2014

1st motion—Zainhofsky to approve minutes

2nd motion Fisher

All members present approve and motion carried

Approval of minutes for December 15th 2014

1st motion—Daly to approve minutes

2nd motion—Fischer

All members present approve and motion carried

Food Licenses

Food license applications were completed and received from DJ's, Johns Food Center, Tumbleweed Bar and Grill, and Tri-Energy Cenex.

1st motion – Zainhofsky to approve the food licenses.

2nd motion –Daly

All members present approve and motion carried.

Charity Permits

Raffle Applications for benefits for FM Crusaders and BSC Student Government Association.

1st motion—Fischer to approve permits

2nd motion Zainhofsky

All members present approve and motion carried

Resolution for water rate increase.

Do to rate increases from City of Bismarck to the City of Lincoln for water service our flat rate needs to be increased.

1st motion—Daly to increase the flat rate of water from \$4.25 per 1000 gallons to \$4.45 per 1000 gallons.

2nd motion—Fischer

All members present approve and motion carried.

Raises

Mayor Johnston proposed a cost of living raise for all bi-weekly employees of 5% to be effective this pay cycle.

1st motion—Fisher to approve raises

2nd motion—Daly

Engineer costs and alternatives

Discussion was held on the progress of a new job description to be written for our new employee. Daly had estimated amounts of around \$30,000 from building inspections and probably \$100,000 could be saved from our engineering amounts if the right person was hired. We have a contract with Bismarck and per contract either party has to give a 6 month notice unless both parties agree it can be terminated. From the 3 different job description received by council Mayor Johnston stated he will write a job description to be ready by February's council meeting. Daly also stated she would write up a description.

Developer Fees

Engineer Brad Krogstad informed the board that per our Code (9 8-10) the rates charged for the developers needs to be addressed by P&Z. They will review those next month. The Auditor will also let council know which Fees are not set by P&Z.

Payroll increase for P&Z.

The Planning and Zoning Boards asked the council to review their wages. Currently each board makes \$30.00 a meeting.

1st motion—Daly to approve raises for each Planning and Zoning board position \$40.00 and the secretary an additional \$20.00 to write the minutes.

2nd motion--Fischer

All members present approve and motion carried.

Portfolios

Fischer—Public works did find a roll off truck for sale but it was pretty expensive. Before making a decision he would like Urlacher present and believes we can find a better price if we keep looking.

Daly-The Tree Board did not meet. We have received our engagement letter from the auditing company we use and are in the process or getting things ready for the Audit. She recognized Public Works Superintendent Rob Dickson for being with the City for 10 years.

Due to all of the work has to be completed by the current meeting dates she would like to move the meeting date to the third Thursday of the month. This would also give Council and P&Z more time to review matters instead of two days. Auditor will research and prepare a possible first reading for next month. Krogstad asked that the tree board to review the approved tree list.

Zainhofsky—Had inquires from the public about the meetings being broadcasted on channel 2. The easiest way for Lincoln to do this would be for the board to schedule and have the meeting in Bismarck or Mandan where the television feed is already set up. If the meetings are recorded here, equipment would have to installed in city hall, which we would have to purchase at substantial cost. Money from our Cable Franchise fees could be used for this purpose. Further research will be done. There was also discussion on getting our own Fire Department. When we build the new shop we could maybe house our own fire truck. She wants to sit down with the rural fire department and talk. She will attend their next meeting. Attorney Cailao is working on a mayor veto ordinance. Mayor Johnston is said he will veto any such action now because he cannot in good conscience give up veto authority at this time due to internal strife on the board.

1st motion—Zainhofsky—Be it ordained by the City Council of Lincoln ND, any ordinance which has been vetoed by the mayor in whole or in part, may be reconsidered by the City Council and if 2/3 of its members shall pass such ordinance it shall be effective notwithstanding the veto. The vote to pass an ordinance over the Mayor's veto shall be a recorded roll call vote.

2nd motion—Fischer

All members present approve. Mayor vetoed stating that he cannot in good conscience give up veto authority at this time. If the current strife ceases he will have no objection to a veto ordinance.

Per Attorney Cailao, under Century code 40-11.05, next meeting will be the earliest the council could have the authority to override the mayor's veto.

Johnston—Krogstad was asked if he had anything for the council and he stated the City has some major things to look into this year, including the following: the need for another water tower because of low water pressure and flow rates, especially in the new areas of town; annexation and water and sewer service in industrial/commercial areas north of Wheatland Hills 2nd; potential new developments. The council was given the year end report from Chief Newman for review. The new police vehicle is going in Monday to have the equipment installed. There 3 interviews set up for next week to fill the open police position. He attended the fire board meeting in December and they are working on going to 24 hour coverage. He attended the MPO meeting. Burleigh county engineer Marcus Hall wants to make a RR overpass on 66th street the top priority in the MPO Urban Roads future project list. The preliminary list has the 66th street

overpass at number 2. Johnston will take the position at the MPO that Lincoln agrees with making the overpass the number 1 priority.

Motion to pay Bills

-1st motion-Daly -to pay bills

-2nd motion—Fischer

All members present approve and motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Auditor, Roberta Unterseher, subject to request and revision of the City Council.