

LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2017

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, Fischer, and Daly Aman.

Mayor calls to order.

Agenda approval

Motion by Volk to approve agenda
Seconded by Aman
Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Volk to approve of July 13, 2017 minutes
Seconded Fischer
Motion carried

Motion by Aman to approve of August 3, 2017 minutes
Seconded Volk
Motion carried

S.E.H. Report

Toni Haider – Millennium Park is getting top soiled, seeded and erosion control left to complete. Drain tile is in, water is running in the drain tile and water is flowing out of the park. Comprehensive plan will be meeting with the park district and the city next week. GIS contract discussed a GIS System for the city has reservations on the system due to the cost of \$94,132, with \$1,500 per year maintenance fee. The rural fire chief stated this system would benefit them as well. Aman, Fisher and Rob will have discussions about the GIS system. We still need to worry about other infrastructure needs.

Motion by Volk to table GIS System
Seconded by Daly
Motion Carried

Ross Lang

Ross stated Ogden Lane residents haven't formed an association. Justin Hagel stated Ross Lang is still responsible for maintaining the retention and detention ponds because he still owns the property. S.E.H provided a possible solution, which was given to Ross.

Preliminary Budget

Budget will be available to review no later than the 28th of September. With all expenses paid by revenue the city will still retain a surplus which can be used to improve the city infrastructure.

Ordinance Updates

Per concern from Karen, Justin will separate the 2nd reading of the 3 ordinances.
Motion by Daly to table second reading of ordinance updates
Seconded by Fischer
Motion carried

P & Z would like to change the date to the last Tuesday of the month.

Motion by Volk to approve date change
Seconded by Fischer
Motion carried

Appoint Mike Bauer to Board of Adjustment

Motion by Volk to approved
Seconded by Fischer
Motion Carried

Bek Communications

Asking to allow non-public use to two locations in town for employment purposes.
Motion by Volk to approve as long it does not breach our current contract with Midcontinent
Seconded by Fischer
Motion Carried

Special Permits/Licenses

Ralph Lipelt Benefit- Local Charity Permit
Motion by Aman
Seconded by Volk
Motion Carried

City Staff Raises

Public works employee Brent Hamman is up for his probationary \$0.50 wage increase. Rob stated that he has successfully completed his probationary period.
Motion by Volk to give Brent his \$0.50 probationary raise
Seconded by Fischer
Motion Carried

Portfolios

Sgt Hoffer – Officers will be going to training on administering Naloxone. Drug related offenses have tripled since 2015.

Fischer - Monitoring Activity in the park, discussed that going forward penalties need to be written into contracts if projects are not completed on time.

Rob - Contacted Quality Asphalt for installing the rest of the walking path from McDougall to 66th St. While Quality Asphalt is in Lincoln they will be repairing a pot hole.

Volk - No overtime is currently approved, however with the circumstances we are in as a council we can approve overtime for office staff as long as we stay within budget.

Motion by Volk to approve overtime

Seconded by Fischer

Motion Carried

Aman - nothing

Chief Voigt - YTD 403 Calls into Lincoln, average response time is 6 minutes and 31 seconds. Provided recommendation on fire rating, asked the council to adopt the same standards as state and county. When the rating is high or above, the burn ban would be in effect. Fischer does not agree to changing city ordinances to accommodate an idiot. Our entire community can suffer because of the actions of one person who "could" start a fire. Volk: We have to pass ordinance for the best of the community not just one person. Chief Voigt stated that what he is recommending is based on a scientific model. The city is not "green" there is many areas in town that could burn if a fire would get out of control. Firework survey was discussed, police officers were directed by Chief Gibbs to go door to door asking residents if they support a firework ban for the City of Lincoln. Fischer uses profanity and leaves the meeting. Wise: We put surveys in the newsletter we have asked on Facebook and we do not get response. The survey the PD did is the most response we have gotten back in over two years. Volk stated that it is a public safety survey and it is good public interaction for the police department.

Mayor - Salvation Army Bell ringing and ND Cares. Kris: she will start the committee but asks council if any would want to be on committee. Mayor Wise and Volk stated they would like to be on the committee. She explained a little bit about ND Cares and how its set up to support aspects of military life. Fischer returned to the meeting, and stated we have a newsletter there is no need to send police officers door to door. Volk: encouraged Gibbs to poll the community because as a council member he is not going to vote in favor of something the community doesn't want. Fisher: I drive down the street and see fireworks, we shot down the Overpass. Wise: This discussion is about fireworks we are not discussing the overpass. Fischer: Next month we will it will be on the agenda. Volk: The police going around is great opportunity to meet the community. Not about a poll its about getting your face recognized and getting input on public safety. Fischer: we are going over and beyond, has anyone talked about getting retail into this town? Volk: we have been discussing fireworks for years now we have data to back up our decision. Wise: Should we stop all community involvement with our police department, Mr. Fisher as a portfolio holder were you notified of this? Fisher: no, I was not notified. Volk: Erv it was emailed to you on September 2nd. Here is a print out of the email. Fisher: I don't think I got the email to tell you the truth lot of emails Erv Fisher doesn't get. Volk: it's a great way for the PD to do public service. Fisher: We keep talking fire but then we shoot down an overpass. Wise: I did not shoot down the overpass, talk to Gibbs, you received the email. Resident: I have been at the last 3 meetings, I read the paper that comes with my water bill, I appreciate what you are writing from the council members and in the middle of the meeting I look on my phone and see a comment from the Mayor stating the police were going door to door doing a survey. I really like this because they are being proactive while a fire is reactive. However, 144 people is not a majority of Lincoln. Going back to ND Cares there is a lot of service members that live in this community whose PDS goes haywire because of the number of fireworks in town. There has to be something we can do but there has to be something better for our community. 144 households is not the majority it's a start and it's a good start. Wise: So, do we put it on a ballot? Resident: The majority of people will only vote in a presidential election so we may not have good data for another three years. Fisher: people move to this community for the environment. Resident: Burleigh county allows fireworks so having fireworks allowed right across the street is not going to help the community. Resident: maybe we can have signs vets can place in their yard if they do not want fireworks or talk to your neighbor and find out if it will be a problem if your family shoots off fireworks or maybe schedule a time and say during this time my

family will shoot off fireworks. Fisher: There is a community in Lincoln, Bismarck and Mandan, pick the community you want to live in you can't change the community to benefit you. I agree with the PTSD I don't believe fireworks are pleasant for them but maybe they should buy a home in Bismarck because it would suit their needs better. I bought a house here because it suits my needs better. I don't want to see us turn into Bismarck or Mandan I would like to see Lincoln be Lincoln and stay how it's always been. Resident: we need to respect everyone. Fisher: If we ban fireworks we may as well not call it Independence Day anymore. Wise: let's move on.

Finances

Motion by Volk to pay the bills

Seconded by Aman

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Motion by Volk to adjourn

Seconded by Fisher

Motion carried

Minutes submitted by Deputy Auditor, Kris Heim, subject to request and revision of the City Council.