

LINCOLN CITY COUNCIL  
Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2017

The regular meeting of the Lincoln city council was called to order by Mayor Gerarld Wise at 7:02 pm, at the Lincoln Community Center, 74 Santee Road, Lincoln, ND. Members Present: Volk, Fischer, Aman and Daly.

Mayor calls to order.

Agenda approval

Motion by Volk to approve agenda  
Seconded by Daly  
Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Fischer to table minutes  
Seconded Volk  
Motion carried

S.E.H. Report

Mike Hinshaw reported Stanley Drive was finished and paid off since the last meeting. Mike is working on closing out 3 way agreements for Rusch, Gabbert, Rusch. City should be getting their portion from Tim Rusch. Any request to close out letters of credit must go through S.E.H. before release. Currently, we have eight 3-way agreements from 2016 to close out. Mayor asked about making payment for Millennium Park. Mike stated maybe a 20% payment for dirt already moved. Guthmiller to survey the dirt to bill. Volk asked if there are any concerns about run off. Guthmiller wants to get in there before it starts melting and gets muddy. Mayor asked if any concerns about flooding and melting in South Lincoln. Also, when do straw waddles and sewer drain protectors get installed, when ground thaws and rain comes. Mike stated if there isn't grass planted, straw waddles will be needed. Mike stated French drain only thing left to install at the park. The fence will need to be taken out. Also, most of the dirt will be removed except dirt need for berm for trees. Volk asked for update on the sewer. Mike stated we are not at the point of talking about hooking up with Bismarck sewer system yet. Bismarck is having issues and this isn't the time to approach them about it. However, they are on the other side of the creek and city may need to consider sewer fees. Fischer state Bismarck is working on the south side treatment plant. Mayor asked if any building permits were going to be denied due to lagoon capacity. Mike stated less polluted water from sump pumps are going into the sewers. Lagoons will need to be turned more often and more smelly days in the spring. Adding to the lagoons would create space for additional 1500 residents. Mike feels going to Bismarck is a better option. Fischer stated we need to consider how far Bismarck is going south by the airport.

Proclamation

Mayor received a letter from Andrew R. Campanella, President of School Choice Week. Mr. Campanella requested that the city issue an official proclamation commemorating January 22 – 28, 2017 as City of Lincoln School Choice Week. Justin Hagel stated a proclamation cannot be issued, it must be passed by resolution to issue a proclamation.

Motion by Volk for resolution  
Seconded Fischer  
Motion carried

Mayor read proclamation, then awarded certificate to Lincoln Elementary School Principal Shelly Swanson.

Moch Subdivision Final Plat Approval

Motion by Fischer to table  
Seconded by Volk  
Motion carried

Bismarck Transit

Mayor stated Bismarck Transit will continue transit services in Lincoln through 2017 for \$20,000.00. Transit will not be cut off in July of 2017. We are on Home Rule Charter now and will need to look at budget. Volk stated we should look at funding as a council, money cannot come from highway funds. Fischer stated there are 31 people in Lincoln using transit, why do we pay \$20,000.00. Mayor stated there are disabled, elderly and people who don't drive. One resident is afraid she may not have a ride to and from work. Daly stated there was an article in the Bismarck Tribune a week ago, about Transit. She stated not budgeted for 2017 and no election until 2018. Aman stated county has no funding.

Fischer asked about grants for public transit. Mike Hinshaw stated time has passed for applying for 2017. Grants are determined by population being served and the number served.

#### Curbside Recycling

Rick Anderson with Dakota Sanitation spoke about curbside recycling. Rick spoke about facts and misconceptions on recycling. Dakota Sanitation services 7500 homes in Mandan for garbage pick-up and curbside recycling. They use Schaefer carts which are 96 gallons, have rubberized wheels and handle on top. Curbside recycling is single stream recycling. Residents will be notified on what is and isn't recyclable. Recycling will reduce tonnage going to the land fill. In the future, curbside recycling will become mandatory. Dakota Sanitation proposal for curbside recycling is \$4.92 per household with 26 pick-ups yearly, every other week. No charge for additional recycle cart. If Dakota Sanitation were to pick-up garbage, cost would be \$14.45 per household. Garbage and recycling could be done all in one day. All carts have electronic RFD for tracking. A family of four can fill container once every two weeks. City schools and buildings could get recycling at no cost. Dakota Sanitation can help us with snow removal, also. Rick stated it would take five years to pay for the carts but cart will last 20 years. Dakota Sanitation has lighter trucks. Other company's tandem trucks are tearing up road and are heavier than Dakota Sanitation's. They only use 20 cubic yard garbage trucks. Fischer stated Waste Management contract expires on October 31, 2017. Mandatory contract will automatically renew. Rick will get the city an official proposal next week.

#### Special Permits/Licenses

DJ's Tavern – Yearly Food permit  
Motion by Fischer to approve  
Seconded by Volk  
Motion carried

Cenex – Yearly Food Permit  
Motion by Fischer to approve  
Seconded by Volk  
Motion carried

Bismarck State College Student Government Association – Local Charity Permit  
Motion by Fischer to approve  
Seconded by Aman  
Motion carried

Kim Bloms Kicks Cancer Benefit – Local Charity Permit  
Motion by Volk to approve  
Seconded by Aman  
Motion carried

#### Utility Rates

Daly stated some of the utility rates would be going up to cover our water bond. Utility bill increases will be retroactive to January 1, 2017. Volk mentioned the need to check the 2017 budget.

#### Portfolios

Fischer – Rick with Dakota Sanitation loaned the city a container truck to help with snow removal.

Public works has been working on snow removal.

Daly – Trees are dormant. Not much from Park Board meetings.

Volk – 2017 budget has money for a time clock to be installed. Time clocks are around \$500.00, he will get 3 bids. Mayor would like bids for audio and video security for meeting room. Snow removal funds will need to come out of the highway budget. Emergency fund shouldn't be touched.

Gibbs – Police Department stats tabled until February meeting.

Mayor – asked Volk to write something for council person's corner for the monthly newsletter. How can we communicate better with our residents during emergencies?

#### Rural Fire Dept.

Chief Mike Voigt reported calls are up by 11% in 2016. December was spent dealing with weather issues. Department ran with maximum personnel during bad weather. Staff worked 12 to 14 hour shifts, some showing up early or stayed late. We were asked to adopt a hydrant, to help keep them clear in case of emergency.

#### Finances

Motion by Daly to pay bills  
Seconded by Volk  
Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.  
Motion by Volk to adjourn  
Seconded by Fischer  
Motion carried

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