

Cavalier City Council

March 1, 2021

7:00 PM

Roll Call: Mayor Hinkle, council members Cluchie, Beard, Vaughn, Stevenson, Berry, Carpenter

Absent: None

Guests: Auditor Truver, OM Walton, COP Osvold, City Attorney Fleming, Rec Director Krieg, John Forbes, Casey Sharp, Kristi Sharp, Rachel Morrison, Rebekah Laxdal, Meredith Quinn, Kythe Flaagan, Jay Jenson, Ron Storie, Dawn Mandt, Pat Chaput, Darrin Longtin

Mayor Hinkle requested a roll call; with 6 members present a quorum was declared.

Amendments to the Agenda

Gaming permits for Pembina County Junior Leaders, Growing Hope of Pembina County, and Cavalier Motorcycle Ride-in and an application for possession and consumption special event permit for Craig Vaughn.

Approve Minutes

Motion made to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 1, 2021 and the special meeting minutes from February 25, 2021. M/S/P- Stevenson, Beard; 6:0 mc.

Approve Bills & Financials

Motion made to approve the payment of all City and CMU bills and financials as submitted for February 2021. M/S/P – Cluchie, Carpenter; 6:0, mc.

Applications for Gaming/Raffle Permits

Motion made to deem Growing Hope of Pembina County a public-spirited entity. M/S/P – Berry, Vaughn; 6:0, mc. Motion made to approve gaming permit for the Knights of Columbus, Pembina County Junior Leaders, Growing Hope of Pembina County, and Cavalier Motorcycle Ride-in. M/S/P – Vaughn, Stevenson; 6:0, mc

Water Tower & Water Main- Meredith Quinn

Meredith updated the council on Witzel; they would like to wait until late April or early May to work on the leak. Discussion on laying gravel in front of the school. Meredith noted that we must give Witzel the option to do it first. Meredith was directed to give Witzel until the end of the week to take action.

Reservoir- Meredith Quinn

Meredith presented an invoice from AE2S for ground storage reservoir. Motion made to approve payment of AE2S invoice in the amount of \$10,800.60 with funds coming from special projects. RCV M/S/P – Carpenter, Beard; 6:0, mc. Meredith updated the council on the bid opening. AE2S recommends the council award contract #1 to Maertens-Brenny Construction Co and contract #2 to Northwest Electric Inc. Discussion on reliable low bidder. Motion made to award contract #1 to Maertens-Brenny Construction Co in the amount of \$1,099,000 and contract #2 to Northwest Electric Inc in the amount of \$94,450. RCV M/S/P – Vaughn, Berry; 6:0, mc

North of the Park Sewer

Discussion on SRF loan forgiveness; this project is third in line for funding but would not receive funding if the first two projects go through. Council chose table this discussion.

Cavalier Motorcycle Ride-in

Discussion on NDDOT road closure and heavy trucks being diverted onto city streets. Discussion on partnership with the county to divert trucks by Cenex. Motion made to approve the proposed road closures for the Cavalier Motorcycle Ride-in with an attempt to partner with the township to divert heavy trucks from the city. M/S/P – Beard, Vaughn; 6:0, mc. Chamber Director Morrison requested funds for the Motorcycle Ride-in. Motion made to approve \$4,000 for the Cavalier Motorcycle Ride-in with \$2,500 coming from lodging tax and \$1,500 coming from the growth fund. M/S/P – Cluchie, Stevenson; 6:0, mc.

Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages Permit

Motion made to approve the alcohol permit for the Cavalier Motorcycle Ride-in. M/S/P – Vaughn, Beard; 6:0, mc. Discussion on permit requested by Vaughn. Motion made to approve the alcohol permit for Vaughn. M/S/P – Berry, Beard; 4:1, mc (N-Cluchie, Vaughn abstained). COP Osvold requested that a sign be posted on the door stating it was a private party.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Proposal

Auditor Truver presented the council with completed applications for Little Giggles Day Care and InShape Fitness and incomplete applications for He-mart, Ron's Body Shop, and Cavalier Gas. Discussion on how to verify financials, gross income versus net income, and nonprofits. Motion made to approve Coronavirus Relief Fund grant for Little Giggles in the amount of \$3,739.15 and InShape Fitness in the amount of \$1,760.75. M/S/P – Berry, Vaughn; 6:0, mc. Discussion on various ways to verify financials. Motion made approve Coronavirus Relief Fund grant for He-mart in the amount of \$2,000, Ron's Body Shop in the amount of \$2,000, and Cavalier Gas in the amount of \$4,000. M/S/P – Berry, Cluchie; 6:0, mc.

Planning & Zoning

Rob updated the council on the planning and zoning meeting. Carpenter noted the need for signs indicating RVs should be on Airport Rd. Flaagan spoke on traffic on Boundary Rd. Motion made to approve the decision made by the planning and zoning commission. M/S/P – Carpenter, Cluchie; 5:0, mc. (Craig abstained).

Frost Fire

Pat, Dawn, and Darrin presented information about Frost Fire and the Pembina Gorge Foundation. They are requesting \$10,000 from Walhalla, Langdon, and Cavalier to pay engineering fees for their master plan. Discussion on other cities contributing funds. Discussion on timeline for funds. Motion made to give \$10,000 to the Pembina Gorge Foundation for Frost Fire engineering fees to be taken from the growth fund. M/S/P – Berry, Beard; 6:0, mc.

Rec Report

Rec Director Krieg updated council on recreation activities. Discussion on bumper cars for the arena. Rec Director Krieg directed to get more information about the bumper cars. Discussion on sign for the arena. Motion made to purchase a sign for the arena under \$5,000. M/S/P – Vaughn, Berry; 6:0, mc.

Library Report

Auditor Truver presented the annual library report prepared by Library Director Ratchenski. Auditor Truver presented Marie Petry as the library board's choice for the library director position. Motion made to approve the hire of Marie Petry as the library director at an annual salary of \$28,210. M/S/P – Berry, Beard; 6:0, mc.

Attorney Report

Attorney Fleming updated the council on Quam's surety company; he had sent a letter and has not received a response. Attorney Fleming informed the council that he is collecting signatures for the cemetery road annexation.

Administrative Reports

Administrator Truver presented a city app to the council. Motion made to approve a one-year contract for a city app at the silver, nonbranded level. M/S/P – Cluchie, Stevenson; 6:0, mc. City equalization meeting has been scheduled for April 13 at 7 PM at the city office. City government week will be April 5-9. Third graders will be touring the city office on April 9. Administrator Truver presented NDLC and ASPA conference information.

Mayor & Council Comments

Mayor Hinkle noted that we have heard citizen's concerns about Motorcoach Industries. She has been working with local leadership, but due to COVID, corporate leadership is taking over. A

regional meeting will be scheduled soon. Councilman Vaughn reminded everyone about the Chace the Ace card game.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn 9:37 PM Kelly, Berry.

Approved By:

Lacey Hinkle, Mayor

Attested To:

Kelli Truver, City Auditor