

Quotes for the two water heaters for city hall and the Senior Center have been tabled. Administrator Thomes will ask for more information from both of the vendors that sent in bids.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to table the purchase of the water heaters until we get further clarification. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to approve the request a new Chevrolet Silverado 2500, 4 wheel drive, regular cab in the amount of \$29,872. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne motioned Hines seconded to approve the final pay request for Riley Brothers Construction in the amount of \$26,012.88. Motion carried.

City Engineers Bolton & Menk submitted a request for pay application No. 7 to Eagle Construction in the amount of \$50,738.93.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve pay application No. 7 to Eagle Construction in the amount of \$50,738.93. Roll call: Yes, Hines, Gripne, Ruiz, Towle, Rasmussen. Motion carried.

Council received a request from the Long Prairie Dental Clinic signed by the three dentists for no parking signs on both sides of their driveway at 916 1st Avenue SE. The entrance to the clinic is directly across from the nursing home entrance and traffic is really busy in that area. Council also directed Public Works Director Dan Spieker to put up a stop sign coming out of the dental office. Administrator Thomes will pass that information along to the public works director.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to put two no parking signs and add one stop sign by the dental office. Motion carried.

Mayor Rasmussen motioned Hines seconded to approve the replacement of the reverse osmosis at the waste water treatment plant. Councilor Towle abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Ziegler has submitted maintenance bids for service to our generators.

Councilor Towle motioned Gripne seconded to approve the Caterpillar Level 2 and Level 3 service maintenance and for the Volvo Level 2 maintenance. Motion carried.

Council discussed paying for a survey in the South end of the Disc Golf Park between Mark Zastrow and the city. There was a request to split the cost with the city's share being \$200.

Councilor Towle motioned Hines seconded to approve the payment of \$200 to Mark Zastrow for survey work that was done on the South line of the Frisbee Park. Councilor Gripne voted no. Motion passed.

Councilor Hines discussed with Dan Spieker the training classes coming up for the public works and the painting that is going on at the waste water treatment plant. We were once again using Stephen Miller to help the city out to get the painting done. He is doing an excellent job.

Fire Chief Jim Kreemer noted the six new firefighters are currently going through firefighter 1 and firefighter 2 training and after that they will be going through their 1st responder training.

The other firemen and police officers attended a refresher course last weekend at the fire station. The fire department held their annual township meeting. Everything went very well.

Kevin Langer noted January had 304 incidents. They have their new squad on order with most of the equipment coming in for the squad. The in-squad computer which was partially funded by a grant that the police department received.

Centra Care made a request to Kevin Langer to assist with the Health Fair on June 18th. Langer also talked about the events for the fair with run/walk and a bike rodeo. They would like to close off the street between city hall and the Vet Clinic for the bike rodeo. Langer said to put this on hold until he gets more information from Centra Care.

There will a seminar held at Thunder Lodge March 22nd for landlords and rental property owners/managers.

Council discussed the addition of a 6th officer to the police department. There was a lot of discussion in regards to adding another officer. Administrator Thomes, Police Chief Kevin Langer and Sergeant Duane Breiter had a meeting to discuss how we could come up with funds without budgeting for this. It was decided that we would eliminate two part time positions and have no overtime or very little overtime for the police department. We would look internally at the part time officers to fill the fulltime position. We would actually be eliminating three positions if we would fill the fulltime position with a part time officer.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded to approve an additional police officer but to also eliminate two part time positions. If it is filled internally, it would eliminate three part time positions and little to no overtime for the police department. Motion carried.

Council discussed the park board switching out lights at Lake Charlotte Park. Changing them all over to LED lights. Discussed the addition of lights at West Side Park. Kevin Langer was talking with Phil McCoy about 2,000 amp lights over at the park. Park and Rec will need to order new soccer nets and buoys for Lake Charlotte. Discussed the addition of Luanne Brunkhorst to the park board.

Councilor Towle motioned Ruiz seconded approve Luanne Brunkhorst to the park board. Motion carried.

Councilor Gripne noted that there was nothing going on with Planning and Zoning now. EDA will be having their open house for the Comp Plan on March 29th from 5:30 to 7:30.

Mayor Rasmussen noted that the music in the park has been set. We are scheduling an airport meeting for next Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

Administrator Thomes noted that Alex Scheppe from Cobblestone has been stopping in once a week just to keep the progress on the hotel moving forward

Kent Louwagie with Bolton & Menk briefly discussed the meeting with MnDOT regarding T.H. 27 and they will be reviewing some additional estimates on how we can look at different costs going forward to do the project on T.H. 27 for 2017.

Councilor Gripne motioned Towle seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting

adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Brenda Thomes
City Administrator/Clerk

Don Rasmussen
Mayor