**City of Green Isle**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, January 27, 2015 (7:00 pm)**

**City Office Council Chambers**

**Call the City Council Meeting to order** Vice Mayor Wentzlaff called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Council Members Present** Wentzlaff, Oelfke, Harms, Schauer, Mayor ZumBerge

**Staff Members Present** City Clerk Panning

**Others Present** Sarah Rathlisberger (AEM), Kurt Menk (Arlington Enterprise), John Mueller (Belle Plaine Herald)

**Public Comment Period** none

**Approval of the Agenda** Clerk Panning, Council Members Oelfke & Schauer, asked to be added to “Council—other Matters”.

**Motion made by Mayor ZumBerge & seconded by Council Member Oelfke to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried 5/0.**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval of the minutes from the 1-13-15 City Council Meeting**
2. **Approval of the claims for 1-27-15 totalling $9,106.08**

**Motion made by Mayor ZumBerge & seconded by Council Member Schauer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.**

**Sarah—AEM Financial 4th qtr. Report** Sarah went over the report and said the City has put in considerable monies to assist in the operation of the school. She also said that overall the City is in a good condition financially. Clerk Panning asked Sarah to address Resolution 2015-06 which is an Interfund loan at 0 % interest of 74,918. The money will go from the General Fund to Fund 340.

**Motion made by Mayor ZumBerge & seconded by Council Member Harms to adopt Resolution 2015-06. Motion carried 5/0.**

**City Attorney Arneson** Attorney Arneson stated that the City does not have an Agricultural Zoning District and Cynthia Smith Strack had prepared a proposal. After much discussion it was decided to have the Council Members review the proposal and then invite Cynthia Smith Strack to attend the Feb. 24th, 2015 meeting and the proposal would be discussed in detail at that time.

**Assess Utility Bills to taxes Resolution 2015-04** Clerk Panning asked the Council to adopt Resolution 2015-04 which puts some 2014 unpaid utility bills onto the property owners taxes payable in 2015. The $7,421.18 total is for 9 properties.

**Motion made by Council Member Wentzlaff & seconded by Council Member Harms to adopt Resolution 2015-04. Motion carried 5/0.**

**Sanitary Sewer info..hand out** Clerk Panning stated that when the Farmhand building burned down that there may well be some sanitary drains that are now not protected from downpours being there is no longer a roof over them. He has contacted several people to see if they knew if the exposed drains have been capped but, so far, has had no feedback as to what may have been capped and when. Panning did say that People Service is soon to cap the uncapped line near Hwy. 11 & 5th Street. Attorney Arneson said that he will attempt to contact the people who did the new water and sewer to see what he can find out.

**Green Isle population signs—**Clerk Panning made the Council aware that depending upon which direction you are entering Green Isle that the population signs have different numbers—334 vs. 558 approximately. Panning contacted the State DOT and they are going to correct this.

**Community garden/flowers in lot next to the City Office—**Clerk Panning said that he put a comment on the utility bills stating that if anyone has an interest in a community garde to contact him. Pannings thought was to have a garden on the old Eustis property now owned by the City if there was interest and if the Council approved it. Panning will bring it to a future meeting if there is interest.

**Council—other matters** Clerk Panning said that someone from RS Fiber approached him from RS Fiber to see if they could utilize our tower for both equipment on the tower and a building on the ground. Panning said that they may come out as soon as tomorrow to look at the tower and the grounds. Council Member Harms commented that if they do proceed with equipment on the tower that we must be sure that it will not interfere with what Verizon is doing regarding the tower.

Council Member Schauer attended a RS Fiber meeting and mentioned that a couple of meetings are to be scheduled in the near future to bring each City up to date. Clerk Panning mentioned that he is hoping that Mark Erickson or whomever will be advising each City as to what has to be done next.

Council Member Oelfke said that he was asked by an individual who has some interest in purchasing the home on 320 Main but first wants to know if he can put up a large shed. He may also want to put some gravel down in the vacated alley. After some discussion it was determined that the person should get detail and then come to the City Office with his plans.

Council Member Harms advised that the Fire Department wants to raise the price per property from $145.00 to $150.00 for 2016.

**Council—items for next meetings Agenda**—invite Cynthia Smith Strack to the February 24th meeting to discuss Ag Zoning.

**Motion made by Mayor ZumBerge & seconded by Council Member Wentzlaff to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion carried 5/0.**

 **ATTEST**

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**Vice Mayor Wentzlaff City Clerk Panning**