**City of Green Isle**

**City Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 (7 PM)**

**City Office Council Chambers**

**Call the Truth In Taxation Meeting To Order** Mayor ZumBerge called the meeting to order at 7 PM

**Pledge Of Allegiance**

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

**Staff Present** City Clerk Panning

**Others Present** Brandy Barrett (GICS), Lester & Laura DeLoach (GI residents), Tony Fischer, Tim Fahey, John Miller (BP Herald),

**Public Comment** Lester DeLoach stated that his taxes are high to the point where they may have to leave town as much as he loves Green Isle. Laura asked how each property in town was taxed, what formula is used. Panning stated that it is best that they contact the Sibley Count Auditor to get those answers. Wentzlaff said that part of the high local tax is due to the putting in of the new water & sewer system in town back in 1999 or 2000. Laura also asked who is responsible for the mowing of the vacant lots. Wentzlaff stated that that is the responsibility of the property owners. Panning said that since his involvment in the budget the Council has kept the annual increase to approximately 2 to 3%.

Being that AEM did not show the approving of the Resolution to approve the levy/budget will be tabled until the meeting on 12-22-15. If that is not acceptable Panning will advise and a special meeting will have to be held.

**Motion made by Wentzlaff & seconded by Oelfke to adjourn the TNT meeting at 7:40 pm. Motion carried 5/0**

**Mayor ZumBerge called the regular City Council Meeting to Order at 7:41 pm**

**Public Comment Period—School Brandy Barrett** Brandy said that the current enrollment is at 62 students which is what it was ending last year. She also mentioned that the Holiday Program is scheduled for 12-18-15. Brandy said that $5,195.00 was taken in on the “GIVE TO THE MAX DAY”

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion made by Harms & seconded by Wentzlaff to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

1. **Approval of the minutes from the November 24th, 2015 meeting**
2. **Approval of the claims for December 8th, 2015 totalling $27,664.23**

**Motion made by Wentzlaff & seconded by Oelfke to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.**

**Fahey/Industrial Park**  Tim Fahey said that they would like to cut the number of auctions in 2016 from 6 to 4 with the option of having 2 more if necessary. He said they will still pay $6,000 per year rent. The dates for 2016 are April 02, June 04, July 30, and the last Saturday in October. Attorney Arneson said he will draw up an agreement if the Council approves Fahey’s request.

**Motion made by ZumBerge & seconded by Oelfke to approve Fahey’s request. Motion carried 5/0.**

**City Attorney Arneson** Arneson said that it may be time again to advise the Green Isle residents of the City Ordinance regarding parking on City streets after 2” or more of snow. Panning said that the Ordinance was run in the Arlington Enterprise, was put on the latest Utility Bill & posted at the City Office, Post Office, Bank, & Convenience Store plus, it is on the City Web Site. Schauer said that signs are on each street regarding parking after 2”+ of snow.

Arneson also said that a vehicle will be forfieted to Green Isle due to a ticket issued in Green Isle. After some discussion it was decided that the City had no reason to use that vehicle as a City vehicle. Ross will get more detail on how this vehicle will be sold and what options Green Isle has.

**Progress on Mid County Coop building** Panning said that the building has been removed & the hole filled. Panning will check with Mid County to see what their plans are regarding the semi-trailor that is still on the property. ZumBerge also said that he was contacted by Steve (Steve’s Tire & Auto) and was told that Steve has a plan to remove some tires sitting outside his building this month and more next month. Panning was asked to contact Steve regarding the many oil barrels behind his shop.

**Update on Verizon “on air” date.** Panning advised that he was told the tower would be in operation by mid December. Panning will again contact Juile Plante, with Verizon, for an update.

**Building Permits…YTD** no new permits issued since the 1st meeting in November

**Motion made by Harms & seconded by Oelfke to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried 5/0**

**Attest**

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**Mayor ZumBerge City Clerk Panning**