

**City Of Green Isle  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
City Office Council Chambers**

- 1) **Call the City Council Meeting to order** Mayor Kreger called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- 2) **Pledge Of Allegiance**
- 3) **Council Members present** Mayor Kreger, Wentzlaff, Harms, Brown, Schauer
- 4) **Staff present** Clerk Panning
- 5) **Others present** Mike Vos (Green Isle Lions), Lelia Leonhardt (AEM Financial Solutions) Kerby Kroells (City employee)
- 6) **Public comment period** Mike Vos representing the Lions discussed the proposal for the memorial park (phase 1). He said that the Lions would fund this phase being approximately \$10,000. Mike said that the site would consist of 3 flags and a cemented area for seating, etc. Mike also said that this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lions so it is good timing. The plan is to have it completed by August 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. The EDA will review the plans and it again will be discussed at the regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 09, 2017.

Kerby Kroells (new City employee) mentioned that he is keeping track of the hours required to mow. He also said that some of the curbs needing repair could be fixed by using rerod and patch with cement. Kerby said that he could make these repairs as time allows. Kerby also said that the pump/electrical box at the Lions park was repaired but blew again after 4 days. Norwood Electric is again going to order parts. Mayor Kreger said that

the problem is that the ditch at the park is not draining properly causing the pump to run more often. Kreger is going to do research to see if any agreement can be found regarding the cleaning of the ditch. Kerby asked how he should handle the paying of the tools, etc.. Kreger said that Kerby should turn all the bills into the City. Kerby also said that people are taking advantage of the City and its cleanup day. Panning said that we have no limits published so it is very hard to control the waste based on quantity. Brown asked if we have the people show an ID. Panning said at this time we do not.

Schauer asked if the phone that Dacey used from Verizon has been cancelled. Panning said that it has been cancelled.

Mayor Kreger asked if the piece of equipment at the ball park playground where ropes are used for climbing has been inspected. Harms indicated that his wife who works for a playground equipment manufacturer will contact the City office regarding an inspect.

- 7) **Approval of the Agenda** Kreger, Brown, Wentzlaff and Harms asked to be added to the Agenda.

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

- 8) **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

A) **Approval of the minutes from the April 11, 2017 meeting**

B) **Approval of the claims for April 25, 2017 totalling \$14,425.22**

**Motion made by Brown and seconded by Schauer to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5/0.**

- 9) **NB Development** Mayor Kreger said that a lot has been sold that NB Development owned and the City will receive a \$6,000.00 check as part of the agreement. Kreger also stated that he will work with City Attorney

Arneson regarding a letter being sent to the land owners of vacant lots stating how the lots are to be mowed on a regular basis.

- 10) Lelia (AEM Financial) 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Report** In presenting the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter report Lelia stated that revenues and expenditures are mostly in line with the 2017 budget. For the General Fund the City has spent less than anticipated for snow removal and street maintenance, as well as part-time Public Works wages due to minimal hours worked. The Fire Dept. funds 102 & 103 have been added to the report since it was budgeted for in 2017. In Cash Balances there is a difference greater than \$10,000 for funds 345 and 601. This decrease is due to Bond payments made in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. Lelia also noted that Attachment D is a new addition made to the report this year. It's a snap shot of the bank accounts for quarter ending March 21, 2017. 2016A Refunding Bond payments started 1/1/17 for both water (601) and sewer (602) funds. There is nothing to note for the Refuse Fund (603).
- 11) Update on Utility bills** Panning said that of the 40+ letters and red tags that only 1 property has had its water terminated. That property had its water turned off today.
- 12) School update & Bond restructure** Mayor Kreger stated that Attorney Arneson put together a Press Release addressing the school and the possible refinancing of the Bond. More information will be presented as it becomes available.
- 13) Other matters** Brown said that she attended the EXPO and said it went very well. She was surprised that many of the people she talked to thought there was a charge to attend the Green Isle Community School. She said she also put together hand outs showing what Green Isle had to offer. She said that it was a great experience for her.

Brown also said that she did not get together with Michael Piotter to get the building permits put on the web site but will do in the near future.

She also said that the playground equipment at the Lions Park looks pretty shabby. She said the slide and the monkey bars need some paint. Brown said that she and her daughter would be happy to do or help with this.

She again brought up the need to work on the Green Isle welcome sign. Schauer said that he and Kerby would look at the signs and discuss in a future meeting. Brown said that she would call a Park Board meeting to discuss this issue.

Wentzlaff said that he was approached by a citizen regarding expired tabs on vehicles in town. Mayor Kreger said that we have to make a list and send each resident who is not in compliance a letter. Kreger said that he would make a tour and get the process started once again.

Harms said that he attended a Fire Relief meeting and that the Department will have to dip into their funds to pay for 2 members who will be retiring this year.

Kreger said that any sidewalks needing repair would be paid by the owner and the City..a 50/50 split. Steve Wilson and Rod Regal are 2 of the owners where the sidewalks require repair. Kreger indicated that he has talked to Mr. Wilson and asked Clerk Panning to talk to Mr. Regal. Wentzlaff said that he would prepare a proposal on the 2 properties so that we have some detailed info to give to the owners. Harms said that we should discuss the matter with Attorney Arneson to see if we can repair the sidewalks even if the owners are not in agreement. Also.. to see if the repairs can be assessed to the owners taxes.

Kreger asked if the street sweeping has been scheduled. Panning said that he advised Kohls Sweeping that they can come in anytime after April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Panning also advised that the City did receive a check from Fahey for the sale of the City sweeper. Panning said that it sold for \$1800.00 and we received \$1,620.00 after Fahey took his 10%.

Kreger said that a sponsor has come forward and will donate materials to have the baseball parks bathrooms, dugouts, Grandstand & shelter re-roofed with no cost to the City.

Kreger also asked if the City would pay for 2 new doors on the older building by the 1<sup>st</sup> base side of the field, for the paint needed to paint the buildings at the park and replace a small portion of a concrete slab. Joe said he will get some actual dollar amounts needed to make these repairs and present it to the Council at a future meeting.

**A motion was made by Harms and seconded by Brown to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Motion carried 5/0.**

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**Mayor Kreger**

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**City Clerk Panning**