

**Regular Board Meeting**  
Vanduser City Council  
April 14, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

Those Present:

Mike Hargrove	Gary Owens	Jim Murphrees	Liz Casey
Kevin Burchard	Eddie Fisher	Liz Casey	

Michael called the meeting to order,

As this is the first meeting since our election, it is now necessary to swear in the newly elected members of the council. Diane read the oath, and Michael, Gary and Jim all swore "I do".

Motions were then made on Mayor, Attorney, Water Superintendents, City Engineer, City Clerk/Collector, Meter Reader and Assistant to the Mayor. They are as follows:

Mayor- Motion made by Kevin for Michael to remain as mayor

Eddie seconded, Gary votes aye, Jim voted aye. Motion carried.

Vice-Mayor- Motion made by Gary to retain Kevin Burchard.

Eddie seconded, Jim voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

Attorney- Motion made by Eddie to retain Erica Koetting

Jim seconded, Gary voted aye, Kevin voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

Water Superintendents- Motion made by Eddie to retain Brian Livingston and Norman Lingle

Jim seconded, Gary voted aye, Kevin voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

City Engineer- Motion made by Kevin to retain Bill Robinson

Eddie seconded, Gary voted aye, Jim voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

City Clerk/Collector- Motion made by Gary to retain Diane Verble.

Eddie seconded, Jim voted aye, Kevin voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

Meter Reader- Motion made by Eddie to retain Robert Verble.

Jim seconded, Gary voted aye, Kevin voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

Assistant to the Mayor- Motion made by Gary to retain Liz Casey.

Kevin seconded, Jim voted aye, Eddie voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

Diane read the minutes of the last meeting. Gary motioned to approve the minutes as read, Kevin seconded the motion, Eddie voted aye, Jim voted aye, Michael voted aye. The minutes were so approved. There was some discussion regarding the date of our monthly meetings. It was motioned by Kevin to have them on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. This was seconded by Eddie, Gary voted aye, Jim voted aye, Michael voted aye. Motion carried.

The financial report was gone over. The financial report was approved by a motion by Kevin, seconded by Eddie with Gary voting aye, Jim voting aye, and Michael voting aye.

The Water Plant report was made by Robert. At this time, soccer balls can get into the lagoon. We may need to rearrange the soccer goals to stop this. The Chlorine tank will need to be flushed soon. The dehumidifier is not doing the job we need done. We will have less moisture in the plant if we install a window air conditioner, at least in the summer months. Liquid Sewer Degreaser is the best as it stays in the system longer and incorporates into the wastewater better. We will have a definite answer on this when the weather warms up in June or July. The mixing tank has a few soft spots on top that need to be repaired. Joe Johnson has completed the wall repair on the Chlorine room. The old electric heater needs to be removed from the water plant. We will need latex paint to seal the blocks. The

Chlorine feeder line may need to be replaced. We need to remove the water from where it collects, causing the transducer to short out. The probable cause of the short in electrical equipment was pipe stored on the water plant roof. They were stuck by lightening and it flowed into the equipment. He also feels that the maintenance electrical service and the water plant electrical service need to be separated to prevent any possibility of a lightening strike to the proposed antenna to service the Fire Department's repeater that is going to be installed inside the maintenance room. This has happened at Blodgett.

Regarding the recreational vehicle that is owned by Kelly Kirkpatrick. That was initially agreed to be temporary living arrangement. She has paid her meter deposit on that recreational vehicle. There was some discussion as to it's permanency. We will contact our attorney regarding this.

Rita Milam, County Clerk, has requested she be given a key into City Hall for elections, as it is inconvenient for her to contact the clerk and get a key. After some discussion, Eddie motioned to give her a key, Gary Seconded the motion, Jim voted aye, Kevin voted aye, and Michael voted aye, motion carried.

Michael informed the council that the Fire Department wished to install an antenna at the top of our water tower. Vanduser would then, at our expense, build an 8'x5' room inside the maintenance building. G&D will then install a repeater inside the room. For this, the Fire Department will pay us a yearly rental fee of \$300.00. They will have the only key to the room, but they will not have a key to the maintenance building. There were some questions regarding this. Michael stated he would get the answers and get with each council member to get their approval before construction begins.

Diane left the meeting at this time due to illness.

Liz brought up the question of raising the water connection fee. Kevin had several concerns regarding this. This is tabled for now. There were clean up letters sent to both Mia Traugher/Hatley and David Ruedrich. They were given 30 days to clean up the problem or the town will abate the property. If they do not then reimburse the town for clean up costs, we will put a lien against the property.

Michael brought to the council's attention that he feels we need to look for a City Clerk trainee. The applicant must be trustworthy, bondable, committed to doing a good job for the town, and can not be related to any council member.

Kevin brought up the necessity of purchasing a new flag. He wished to get a shadowbox for the old flag as that was the first one flown over our town. He wants to fix the swings in the park. He also wants to purchase Soccer Goal nets. He has a price at this time of 2 for \$96.46 plus shipping. He will check locally for a better price. The question then arose about buying dirt to raise the ball field. Gary will talk to Charles about dirt from the location where Tim Carlisle is moving into. If they have extra dirt, possibly buying that.

The maintenance shed needs to be straightened and cleaned and needs to be kept that way.

Gary motioned to adjourn, Kevin seconded the motion, Jim voted aye, Eddie voted aye, Michael voted aye, and meeting was so adjourned.