

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Vanduser City Council

February 18, 2016

7:00 P.M.

Those Present:

Mike Hargrove
Kevin Burchard

Jim Murphrees
Eddie Fisher

Bryan Webb
Liz Casey

Dennis McElwrath
Aaron Askew

Mike opened the meeting and asked Liz to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which she did. There was no discussion regarding the reading of the minutes.

Jim motioned to approve the minutes as read, Eddie seconded the motion, Mike voted aye, Kevin voted aye and minutes were so approved.

Dennis is here to discuss the plans for a new City Hall. He has several ideas. He stated that he has visited with several of the citizens of Vanduser about how they feel about replacing the City Hall. He stated that there was differing opinions regarding tearing it down, or remodeling, which is to be expected. He asked about a grant. Liz explained that there are no grants available for a new city hall. It will have to be a low interest loan. He then asked if anyone knew if there was asbestos in the upper ceiling. No one is aware one way or the other. If there is, and it has to be removed, it will be very expensive. He is still leaning towards building elsewhere, and giving the current City Hall property to someone to turn into a youth center. He also mentioned tearing it completely down to the foundation and footing and rebuilding, insulating, and installing new windows. He estimated the cost for this option would be about \$80,000.00. He then stated that to remodel it would be about half that. The first thing to do is to completely inspect it for any damage. Dennis stated that he would ask Isaiah to do the inspection. He then stated that the council could decide and get back with him. At this time, he left the meeting.

Aaron Askew is here to speak with the council regarding being a city policeman for the Village of Vanduser. He stated that it would be on a volunteer basis as a non-paid reserve officer. He could donate 15 – 20 hours per week or more. He would need the city to provide him a car with insurance, lights, radio and siren. He also stated we would need to apply for a ORI # which would grant us the right to have a municipal police officer. After some discussion, Jim motioned to move forward with this and see where it takes us. Kevin seconded the motion, Eddie voted aye, Mike voted aye, and motion was so carried. Mr. Askew stated that we could drop this at any time if it comes to light that for some reason we cannot afford to continue. At this time Mr. Askew left the meeting.

The financial statement was then gone over. There were no problems except for the fact that there were a lot of expenses relating to leak repairs. This has decimated the Water Fund; however, we hope that since the leaks are finally repaired, we can now begin to recoup our loss on this.

Bryan Webb is here to provide the water plant report. All known leaks are repaired at this time. We had the problem with the motor at the water plant that was so expensive to be repaired, but all is well now. Hopefully there will not be a repeat of that. Kevin asked Bryan if after fixing the leaks, and would the individual meters have more pressure? Would the meter add more volume and rack up the gallons faster? Bryan stated that yes that would happen, but only to a small degree. Also, that either low pressure or low volume would not hurt the meters. At this time, Bryan left the meeting.

Ben Hall did not appear at the courthouse for the suit we pressed against him. Thus the Village won by default.

Mike still has not obtained the lease or the check from the fire department on the repeater room.

Regarding the mowing contract; sealed bids will be due March 8. Mike will put it on the website, and Liz will put up notices and print hard copies to be available at City Hall.

Liz informed the council that she had a lengthy conversation with Mark Hensley, the County collector. He explained the process of selling properties that are three years behind on the courthouse steps. He provided a lot of information regarding the process, but offered to come to our council meeting and discuss this further with the board, and answer any questions they may have. The council decided that they would like for him to come to the next meeting if possible. Liz will contact him and see if he can fit us in. The next meeting will be on March 21, 2016, at 7:00 P.M.

Jim motioned to adjourn the meeting, Eddie seconded the motion, and Kevin voted aye, Mike voted aye. Meeting so adjourned.