

## 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

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 is 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

The financial statement was then gone over. There were no problems except for the fact that the General Fund total was diminished from last month. This is due to the fact that the invoice to repair the storm siren was paid.

Ben Hall has now been served by a special process server. The court date is set for February 8, 2016.

Mike reported that the Fire Department has lost the repeater room lease. The Fire Department will have to Sign a duplicate and Mike will bring it to the council for safekeeping.

Bryan Webb is here for the water report. He explained the water leak on Myers has now been repaired. It took a lot of work, and help from several different people, but it is now repaired. He has dressed the leak area and put gravel on the shoulder and also put some in front of City Hall. He also stated that he is willing to supply us with information on a diving company that he has worked with in the past. The name is Liquid Engineering out of Billings Montana. Bryan will supply us with an estimate for the inspection. He will work on the other leak on Wednesday.

Mike mentioned that there were several people who helped with the leak repair. He would like to send the church and Jim O'Neil a check for \$150.00 each in appreciation for their time and effort. Kevin motioned to do this, Eddie seconded the motion, Jim voted aye, Mike voted aye. Motion was so approved.

Regarding New Business: The purchase of a paper shredder is up for discussion. As we are no longer burning documents, we need a way to securely dispose of sensitive documents. Kevin has priced one for \$24.97 at Wal-Mart. Eddie motioned to approve the purchase, Jim seconded the motion, Mike voted aye, Kevin voted aye.

Regarding a new City Hall Building; The existing City hall is inefficient and needs major repair to get it affordable. There are several options open to us. The men from Harvest have looked at the building. They estimate a new city hall would cost between \$65,000 and \$70,000. This would be a turnkey operation. They also made the suggestion that this building has been here a long time, and asked if we really want to tear it down. Mike does not like the idea of selling city property, and Kevin agreed with him. Liz will talk with Cindi-Lyn at Bootheel regarding a grant for a Community Building, etc.

Mike then mentioned that there should not be unauthorized personnel at work sites. He would like permission to put Bryan Webb in charge of each worksite, and Bryan will have authority to decide who will be in the area. Kevin made the motion, Eddie seconded the motion, Jim voted aye, Mike voted aye.

The city needs to purchase some safety equipment for jobsites such as cones, barrels, and work lights, and barricades. Also we need a new locking door knob on the maintenance Building. After some discussion Jim motioned to buy the door lock, 2 work lights, and a 100' extension cord. Eddie seconded, Kevin voted aye, Mike voted aye. Motion was approved.

It is time for the city to pay their portion of the street grant. We need to move the \$20,000.00 from the Money Market account into the checking account. Jim motioned to transfer the money, Kevin seconded the motion, Mike voted aye, Eddie voted aye. Mike will take care of transferring the money and also checking on getting the service charges reversed.

Bryan states he needs some shelving in the water plant. He will get an estimate on the price for this and get back with the council for approval.

Mike informed the council that the water plant inspection went well. DNR stated that a screen needed to be placed on a pipe. That has already been done. We just need to schedule the inspection and all should be well.

After some discussion on labor law posters, Eddie stated he would check into what is necessary.

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