

Regular Board Meeting
Vanduser City Council
May 11, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Those present:

Mike Hargrove	Gary Owens	Jim Murphrees	Eddie Fisher	Liz Casey
Kevin Burchard	Harley Gaskins	Carla Newton		

Michael called the meeting to order.

He introduced Harley Gaskins and Carla Newton who are here to respond to the clean up letter they received. They are in violation of Ordinance 197, with trash piled up in their yard. We has sent them a certified letter giving them until May 9, 2015 to abate the property. Ms. Newton stated that the weather has been so rainy that they yard is too wet to get the equipment in to do the cleanup. They promised to do it as soon as the weather is a little drier. Mr. Gaskins stated that they have picked up and burned what they could last weekend, but then it rained again. They have someone that will hail it off as soon as it dries a little. They were asked why they put the trash in the back yard in the first place, and they responed that they had no money for trash disposal. They are having to borrow money to do this clean up as it is. Mike stated that he had driven by and could see some improvement, but reiterated that Mr. Gaskins needs to heed this warning. If it is not cleaned up, the council will hire someone to clean it up and send the bill to Mr. Gaskins. If he does not pay the bill, the town will put a lien against the property. This situation cannot continue. Gary suggested contacting Doc Cureton to haul off the trash, as others in town use them. Jim suggested having a dumpster brought in. Several members of the council provided Mr. Gaskins the phone numbers of trash haul companies in the area. Mike stated we would give them until May 25, 2015 to clean it up, or the town would abate the problem with no more delay. Mr. Gaskins and Ms. Newton left the meeting at this time.

Mike asked Liz to read the minutes which she did. Kevin motioned to approve the minutes as read, Eddie seconded the motion, Jim voted aye, Gary voted aye, Mike voted aye. Motion so approved.

As Robert was not at the meeting, Liz gave the water report from information Robert had given her.

- 1) Regarding the lift station problem. The pumps are fine, but are not automatically alternating, so we are alternating them manually. They believer a relay is bad. If that is the case, they will rewire the pump to skip that relay. Willard is handling it.
- 2) Regarding the leak on Alt Street: Robert states the leak is about 6' deep. He knows where it is, but is trying to get to the leak without breaking the 2" line. He is 3-1/2' deep now, but will need someone on scene for the remainder of the digging to stay within OSHA guidelines.
- 3) Regarding installation of Carlisle water and sewer service: The chuch is doing the work for them. The water is connected to the meter, but is not to be turned on until the sewer is connected, which it is not at this time. Robert states that it is on schedule.

Regarding new business: We have Resolution 119 to pass. It is a lease with Scott County Rural Fire Dept. Mike read the resolution aloud and asked for a motion to approve it. Kevin motioned to approve. Jim seconded the motion, Eddie voted aye, Gary voted aye, Mike voted aye. Motion was so approved.

Mike then read the proposed ordinance regarding recreational vehicles being used as permanent

living quarters within Vanduser. Each council member had their own copy to read. After some discussion it was decided to add an amendment to the ordinance that was not clear initially. The vote on this ordinance will be shelved until the amendment is complete.

Mike then brought up the question of a master meter at the trailer park. There were many questions brought forth that we do not have the answers to at this time. Kevin will check with other towns to see how they handle this issue. This will be tabled until the questions are answered.

Regarding the clean up letters: Mia Hatley has made improvements at her property. There has been no visible improvements at the David Ruedrich property. Yesterday was the cutoff date for the initial letter. However, it seems that there are two property owners for this property, so the letter process will need to begin again with both owners getting certified letters.

Mike then reintroduced the issue of raising the reconnection fee. He recommended that we raise the fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00 with Robert retaining \$10.00 and the town receiving the remainder. Jim stated he felt we should leave it as it is for now. Some discussion followed and it was decided that no change be made at this time.

Kevin stated that he talked to Catinna Todd regarding the fact that her ditch on the north side is filled in and causing water to pond up. The drainage plans show a pipe there, however, it is obvious that it was not completed at the time of the drainage grant as the plans show. She stated that her ex-husband had filled in the ditch, but she has no problem with us digging it out again if we need to.

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