

Regular Board Meeting
Vanduser City Council
February 10, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Those Present:

Mike Hargrove Gary Owens Clay Graviett Liz Casey
Kevin Burchard Eddie Fisher Diane Verble

Mike called the meeting to order. Diane read the minutes of the last meeting. A correction of the March meeting being the opening of the mowing bids, not February, was done. The minutes were then approved. Signs need to be posted about the bids for the mowing contract. Diane will see they are posted at Graviett's, the Post Office and at City Hall. She has copies to be handed out for the bids. Mike has posted the contract on the internet and copies can be taken there by those wanting them.

The financial report was gone over. The Waterworks Repair CD for 6 months will come due at the end of February. It was suggested that the amount over \$30,000.00 be put in the Water Fund checking account since that account stays low. Discussion followed with a motion made by Gary to put that money into the Water Money Market Savings. It can then easily be put into the checking account if needed. Kevin seconded with everyone saying aye. Diane will check with the bank about the new interest rate when she makes the money movement.

Several ways to save money for the water checking account were brought up. One was to check if the temperature the water plant is kept at is too high. That will be done.

Diane asked that the Council decide which accounts the money for the Street Grant is to be taken from. It is unknown when that money will have to be moved into a specific account and the decision being made now will save time. After discussion it was decided to take \$20,000.00 from the Street Money Market and \$5,000.00 from the Street Checking account. Clay made the motion, Kevin seconded with all saying aye.

The water rate was brought up. It was suggested that since no one came to the meeting for it earlier tonight the Council decided the increase of the water bill rates now. After much discussion, it was decided to change the rates as listed below. They will be effective for the bills printed on the last day of February. There will be no change for the sewer rates.

1st 1000 gallons- \$7.00
2nd 1000 gallons- \$5.00
3rd 1000 gallons- \$4.50
4th 1000 gallons- \$4.00
5th 4000 gallons and above- \$3.50 per 1000 or fraction of
Service Charge- \$1.00
Late fee- 10%

The late fee for water will be effective as of the 20th of each month with the charge being 10% of the amount due. The last day before shut-off to pay will be the 5th of the month. Kevin made a motion, Gary seconded, Michael, Clay, and Eddie said aye. Notices of the rate changes will be posted.

The lift station alarm has been going off and had to have Robert take care of it. Apparently the water guys are not putting the DE-greaser into the pump stations. Discussion followed. A chart of when it is put in has been ignored. The water worker's jobs were gone over. A list of their responsibilities will be made up for them.

The water bills of Peet, Hall, and Ruedrich have had notices sent and the lawyer will be sending them letters giving them 15 days to respond. It is the only way the city can legally address the problem

of non payment. A motion was made to pursue the payment of these bills by Kevin with Eddie seconding. All said aye.

Donna Graviett has put on a new entrance to her house. Since this changes the footprint of the house, she will be sent a building permit to fill out and pay.

Liz reported that the Council will have a meeting at 3:30 on the 19th with DED for the street grant. Also, on the 23rd to open the bids for engineering. She urged all members to be present.

Robert is looking at the water lines to see which ones need work before the streets are done. He has suggested he put in PVC pipes where we have copper lines to keep from having to tear up the new streets in they cause trouble. He is checking into the manholes and shut-offs that would be covered up as well. The Council will talk about it more next month.

It was brought up that we should looking into street signs concerning no trucks after the street work is done. The Council also discussed talking to Denise about the trailer of Robert Jackson.

Clay made a motion to adjourn. Gary seconded and all said aye.