

Regular Board Meeting  
Vanduser City Council  
January 13, 2015  
7:00 P.M.

Those Present:

Mike Hargrove      Liz Casey      Robert Verble  
Kevin Burchard      Eddie Fisher      Diane Verble

Mike called the meeting to order. Diane read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

The financial report was gone over. Robert explained that there may be credit for the part that went bad at the chlorination tank. Mr. Fincer is checking. The water fund is doing better and there were no expenses out of the ordinary.

A letter stating that the Village of Vanduser has been granted the Street Grant was passed around. Discussion followed as to when it would get our streets done. Spring or at least warmer weather will be here before all the paperwork will get done. The file cabinet is ready and so is Liz.

A discussion was held on the work at the water plant. Robert set the red light alarm so that more water will be in the tank when it lights up. He has several extra relays for the pump stations and has found a report by Smith and Company given to the plant years ago about how to solve the freezing of the chlorinator line. Robert has already done some of the things it suggests.

Robert reported on the work he done at the City Hall. There is plastic on several of the windows with more to cover. The problem of the gas smell is better. He has redone the exhaust pipe taking out the hot water heater vent. The furnace vent pipe needs to be redone with a double pipe venting over the roof. It can be done with using 45 degree angle corners. The old water heater will be taken out completely when he can. Mothershead will come out and look at the pipes to confer with Robert so it is done right.

Robert asked if the Council would pay for water classes on line if the vouchers would not. They agreed if the classes would get him a higher rating for water works at the the plant.

Brian and Norman had been asked to come to the meeting, but Brian is working nights. Both men said they would come to a meeting when time suits them and the Council. Further discussion followed. A time will be found to have the meeting.

The wate rate was brought up. It was suggested that the late penalty be raised as well as changing the date that the late fee is added. It is now on the 27<sup>th</sup> with the fees being 4%. After discussion, Kevin made a motion that the late fee be added on the 20<sup>th</sup> and the fee become 10%. Also that the service charge go to \$1.00 from the 75 cents it has been for many years. It was seconded by Eddie with Mike saying aye. It will go into effect for the February bill.

There has been vandalism to the City Park swings and other things. Discussion lead to the decision to install cameras and signs warning of the cameras and prosecution of those found doing the damage. Eddie made the motio with Kevin seconding and Mike agreeing to spend the money for the signs and the cameras. There are 2 boards Robert will replace.

Operation Christmas Dream was a success. Everyone was happy, those getting and those giving. Two fire trucks loaded with gifts and firmen went around giving to children and older citizens. The food went to one house and tears from everyone were seen. It was motioned by Eddie that is be an annual project. Kevin seconded and all said aye.

A request for bidders on a contract for the mowing was passed around and accepted. It will be mailed to those interested in the job. A sign will be put up around town and bids must be in by the March meeting.

Liz is learning the new laptop and some councilmen will use it also. She is putting in information for financial use/

Kevin motioned to adjourn and all said aye. Meeting Adjourned.