

City of Bancroft
Regular Council Meeting
November 11, 2013
7:00 PM

Minutes –

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00PM.

Roll Call was taken with Stan Lowe, Phil Jaren, Corey Rasch, and Robert Richter present. Nancy Shillington was excused. Staff present was Crysti Neuman, City Director, Tim Rowlet, Utility Clerk, and Brian Hatten Utility Superintendent. Other guests present were; City of Bancroft council members 2014, Jeremy Fraker and Martin Miles. Dennis and Marlene Rolling and Conrad Kunkel residents of Bancroft. Steve Wendt from NIACOG and Brian Klein.

Motion by Jaren, second Rasch to approve the agenda. All approve. Motion carried.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:01 PM by Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson announced that this was the time and place for a Public Hearing, as per published notice, regarding authorization to submit a Housing Fund grant application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program in the community. Steve Wendt of the North Iowa Area Council of Governments made several comments during the public hearing in order to inform the Council and Citizens in attendance, about the application and the grant program. This included how the need for a rehabilitation program was identified (starting with the City's comprehensive housing needs assessment completed in 1998, a comprehensive updated housing needs assessment completed in 2003, and ongoing surveys and inquiries since that time), a proposed budget which identified sources and uses of funds including the requested amount of the Housing Fund grant, the date that the application needs to be submitted to the IEDA (by no later than December 11, 2013), statement that 100% of the federal funds will benefit LMI Households (income limits applicable to Bancroft households, based on family size, were shown), identification of where the rehabilitation program will be conducted (a map of the selected target area was provided to all citizens in attendance), the nature of the proposed grant activity (examples of likely work to be completed for the assisted homeowners were given), and a statement that no persons or businesses will be displaced as a result of the proposed rehabilitation activity. Steve Wendt then answered questions from those in attendance. There were no written objections submitted, and there were no oral objectors at the hearing. The Mayor then declared the Hearing to be closed.

Public Hearing closed at 7:16 PM.

Motion by Rasch, second Richter to approve Resolution 2013.11.01 a Resolution approving the application for a Housing Fund Grant Administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority or an owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program and Selection of the provider of general Administrative Services. Roll Call vote: Jaren- aye, Lowe aye, Richter- aye, Rasch-aye. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Richter, second Jaren to readopt the City of Bancroft Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. All approve. Motion carried.

No one to speak at Public Forum.

Motion by Jaren, second Lowe to approve the consent agenda. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Rasch, second Jaren to approve the bills. All approve. Motion carried.

Water meter reading for outside water usage was tabled. Staff will continue to look at what other communities have in place and what will work here.

Motion by Jaren, second Rasch to approve Resolution 2013.11.02 A resolution to add Addendum to TIF Agreement between the City of Bancroft and Precision Management. Roll call vote: Lowe-nay, Richter-nay, Rasch- aye, Jaren –aye. Motion failed.

Setting a specific time on the agenda for Public Forum died for lack of motion.

Motion Rasch, second Lowe to approve Liquor License for Bancroft Cargo. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion Richter, second Jaren to renew Health Insurance with WellMark. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Jaren to approve FY 2013 Urban Renewal Report. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Jaren to approve FY 2013 Annual Financial Report. All approve. Motion carried.

Brian Klein came and discussed the results of smoke testing. A number of issues were brought to light. A copy of the report will be on file at City Hall. Report will be taken along to discuss with DNR.

Motion Jaren, second Rasch to approve BMU donation of planter by gazebo. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Jaren to adjourn meeting at 8:27PM All approve. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Crysti Neuman, City Director

Thomas Johnson, Mayor