

City of Bancroft
Regular Council Meeting
January 14, 2013
7:00 PM

Minutes –

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

Roll Call was taken with Phil Jaren, Stan Lowe, and Corey Rasch present. Excused were Robert Richter and Nancy Shillington. Staff present was Crysti Neuman City Director, Tim Rowlet Utility Clerk, and Brian Hatten Utility Superintendent. Guests present were Annette Ratigan Bancroft Register, Kelly Dietering, Allen Dietering, Mary Ann Elliot, from Bancroft Ambulance, Mary Richter, City Librarian and Eric Thorsen Trans Iowa Equipment.

Motion Rasch, second Jaren to approve agenda and to move Item # 19 Discussion of Equipment Purchases for Roads and Streets, item # 7 Bancroft Library Budget Request, and item # 8 Bancroft Ambulance Service going conditional to beginning of meeting.

Eric Thorsen from Trans Iowa Equipment explained the type of street sweeper machine that would work best for the city. Motion Rasch, second Lowe to send City Streets Superintendent Mark Reimers to St. Paul to look at two possible machines. All approve. Motion carried.

Mary Richter, City of Bancroft Librarian presented the Bancroft Library Budget Request for FY 2014. Mary also read a letter to the Council (see attached) and requested the City to look into taking care of the sidewalk.

Members from the Ambulance Service indicated that they are lacking in members and that the crew is over extended and struggling to cover the shifts. They wanted the council to be aware that the service would be going to Conditional Service by July 1, 2013 if the situation does not change. The Fire Department has been on back up and has done a wonderful job. Annette Ratigan suggested focusing in our youth and will also be addressing situation in upcoming Bancroft Register article.

Motion Jaren, second Rasch to approve consent agenda. All approve, Motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Jaren to have the voucher for Bound Tree in the amount of \$2394.89 to come out of the Ambulance Fund instead of the General Fund. All approve, Motion carried. Motion Rasch, second Lowe to approve all other claims as presented. All approve, Motion carried.

There was no one to speak at Public Forum.

Motion Jaren, second Rasch to approve Resolution 2013-01-01, Approving City of Bancroft Depository Resolution. Roll call taken- Jaren aye, Lowe aye, and Rasch aye. All approve, motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Jaren to approve Resolution 2013-01-02, Approving Bancroft Municipal Utility Depository Resolution. Roll call taken- Jaren aye, Lowe aye, and Rasch aye. All approve, motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Lowe to approve Resolution 2013-01-03, Approving Appointment of City and Utility Employees for 2013. Roll call taken- Jaren aye, Lowe aye, and Rasch aye. All approve, motion carried.

Utility Superintendant, Brian Hatten presented a plan to purchase auto read meters for water and electric. Water loss averages around 20%, The auto read meters will help with accuracy, man hours spent reading meters, along with residents not having to read meters. The meters would be supplied by Dakota Supply Group. This would be done in phases. Phase 1 would consist of 140 Water meters and 140 Electric meters, hand held receiver, software/hardware and training for a cost of \$41,263.60. This would start on the North end of the city and rural area first. Motion Rasch, second Lowe to approve Phase 1 of for Water Meter/Electric Meter Remote Reading system. Roll Call taken- Jaren aye, Lowe aye, and Rasch aye. All approve, motion carried.

Motion Jaren, second Rasch for City Director to seek estimates and plans to correct roof/eave area on city hall building. All approve, motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Lowe to approve Urban Renewal Report. All approve, motion carried.

Discussion of enforcement of Current Junk and Abandon Vehicle Ordinance ,Chapter 9 highlighted areas that the ordinance wording needs to be looked at. Staff will enforce ordinances. Staff will work on procedures for handling violations.

Motion Jaren, second Rasch to approve Liquor License for Leisure Lanes for one year. All approve, motion carried.

Council was given packet from NIMECA to review for consent to MidAmerican Energy Plan for Inter Connection of New Transmission Line. "Based upon information now before this Council including the November 28, 2012 letter and attachments from MidAmerican Energy. Rasch moves to approve consent for MidAmerican Energy to proceed with actions necessary to allow the proposed interconnection of a new transmission line to the Webster facilities, to approve consent for the proposed interconnection and to approve consent for the proposed ownership structure, all as set forth in the MidAmerican Letter, provided that MidAmerican Energy pays

100% of all costs and further provided that any amendments to the Lehigh Webster agreement are brought before this Council for approval as required” second Lowe. All approve, motion carried.

Motion Rasch, second Lowe to purchase New Gravely ProMaster 260 Lawn Mower for trade in of Gravely Pro Master and cost of \$2500 from Bancroft Implement, Inc. All approve, motion carried.

Ways and Means Committee will meet on January 28, 2013 at 5:30 PM to start working on FY2014 Budget.

Motion Rasch, second Jaren to adjourn meeting at 8:55 PM. All approve, motion carried.

Mayor Tom Johnson

Attest: Crysti Neuman, City Director