

City of Bancroft
Regular Council Meeting
November 10, 2014
7:00 PM

Minutes –

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

Roll Call was taken with Jeremy Fraker, Corey Rasch, Phil Jaren, Robert Richter and Barb Schemmel present. Staff present was Crysti Neuman, City Director, Tim Rowlet, Utility Clerk, Brian Hatten, Utility Superintendent. Guest present was Steve Wendt, NIACOG.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 PM regarding the submission of a 2015 CDBG Housing Fund application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority for the rehabilitation of owner occupied homes in a target area of the community.

Motion by Rasch, second by Schemmel to approve the agenda as presented. All approve. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Forum- No one to speak

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 (IEDA) for an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program in a target area of the community. In response to the published notice, there were no Citizen requests to be heard during the Public Hearing nor were there any comments submitted prior to the public hearing. However, Steve Wendt of the North Iowa Area Council of Governments was in attendance, and gave a presentation in order to inform the Council and Citizens in attendance, about the application and the grant program. This presentation 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), and a proposed budget which identified sources and uses of funds including the requested amount of the Housing Fund grant. Steve Wendt also stated that 100% of the federal funds will benefit LMI Households. In this regard, Steve Wendt presented an LMI survey

instrument that was distributed to households in the target area and which shows the present LMI income limits in Bancroft, based on family size. Steve Wendt's presentation also identified where the rehabilitation program will be conducted (a map of the selected target area was provided to all citizens in attendance), identified the nature of the proposed grant activity (examples of likely work to be completed for the assisted homeowners were presented), and stated that no persons or businesses will be displaced as a result of the proposed rehabilitation activity. Also, Steve Wendt in his closing comments made the statement that the grant application will be submitted to the IEDA by no later than December 8, 2014, which is the application deadline.

Being that there were no further comments after Steve Wendt concluded his presentation, and that there were no oral objectors at the hearing. The Mayor then declared the Hearing to be closed at 7:16 PM on a Richter/Schemmel motion. All approve. Public Hearing Closed.

Motion by Jaren, second Schemmel to approve **Resolution 2014.11.01** A Resolution approving application for a housing fund grant administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority for an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program and selection of the provider of general administrative services. Roll call vote- Fraker-aye, Richter-aye, Schemmel-aye, Jaren-aye, an Rasch-aye. All approve. Resolution carried.

Motion Rasch, second Richter to approve **Resolution 2014.11.03** A Resolution selecting a Technical services provider for a 2015 Iowa Housing Fund Grant subject to the award of Grant funding by the CDBG Iowa Housing Fund Program. Roll call vote- Rasch-aye, Jaren-aye, Richter-aye, Schemmel-aye, and Fraker –aye. All approve. Resolution Carried.

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

Public Hearing regarding Resolution 2014.01.02 A Resolution Acknowledging offer to buy Lot 3. Industrial Park First Subdivision, City of Bancroft, Kossuth County, Iowa for \$1.00 plus costs and other good and valuable consideration, and Aluma will continue to provide at least 100 FTE for not less than three years at wages and benefits consistent with past practices opened at 7:30 PM.

Motion by Rasch, second by Jaren to approve **Resolution 2014.11.04** A Resolution providing for reduction of interest rate for Water Revenue Bond. Roll call vote- Richter-aye, Schemmel-aye, Rasch-aye, Jaren-aye, Fraker-aye. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Jaren, second by Rasch to approve structural lease agreement with AT &T with approval of City Attorneys recommendations. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Fraker, second by Richter to set Storm Sewer Rates as follows;
\$3.00 per month for Residential and \$4.00 per month Commercial. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Rasch, second by Richter to approve Wellmark Health Insurance for 2015 with a rate increase of 6.35%. All approve. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:45 on a Richter/Rasch motion. All approved. Public Hearing closed.

Motion by Richter, second by Rasch to approve **Resolution 2014.11.02** A Resolution Acknowledging offer to buy Lot 3. Industrial Park First Subdivision, City of Bancroft, Kossuth County, Iowa for \$1.00 plus costs and other good and valuable consideration, and Aluma will continue to provide at least 100 FTE for not less than three years at wages and benefits consistent with past practices. Roll call vote-Richter-aye, Rasch – aye, Fraker-aye, Jaren-aye, Schemmel –aye. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Richter, second by Schemmel that current scoreboard will remain at Bancroft Memorial Park. All approve. Motion carried. Council requested that City Director write an article for the papers to discuss what has been done with the monies from North Kossuth and where we are at with the scoreboard.

Motion by Jaren, second by Schemmel to approve FY14 AFR. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Rasch, second by Richter to approval the Urban Renewal Report for 2013. All approve. Motion carried. There will not be TIF requested for Stonebridge Suites as they have not fulfilled agreement.

Motion by Jaren, second by Fraker to approve hiring Ken Witham and Rich Coleman as Ambulance drivers. All approve. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM on a Rasch, Schemmel motion. All approve. Meeting adjourned.

Tom Johnson, Mayor

Attest: Crysti Neuman City Director/Clerk

