

City of Bancroft
Regular Council Meeting
December 12, 2016
7:00 PM

Minutes-

Mayor Pro Tem, Robert Richter opened the meeting at with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was taken with Robert Richter, Jeremy Fraker, Barb Schemmel, Richard Arndorfer present and Corey Rasch and Mayor Tom McCleish absent. Staff present was Crysti Neuman, City Director, Tim Rowlet, Utility Clerk, Brian Hatten Utility Superintendent and Mark Reimers, Street Superintendent. Guests present were: Steve Wendt and Chris Diggins NIACOG and Drew Sweers – Veenstra and Kimm,

Motion by Schemmel, second Fraker to approve agenda. All approve. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Schemmel, second Fraker to pay all bills. All approve. Motion carried.

Public Forum- No one to speak at Public Forum.

Pro Tem Mayor Richter opened the following Public Hearings at 7:15 PM.

Open Public Hearing on the Status of Funding for the City of Bancroft Housing Rehabilitation Program

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – CITY OF BANCROFT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

December 12, 2016

At 7:15 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Richter announced, as per published notice, that this was the time and place for a Public Hearing on the status of funded activities for the City of Bancroft Housing Rehabilitation Program. The Program is being funded by a \$296,720 CDBG grant awarded by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA) in July of 2015, and by \$20,000 in local match funds contributed by the City of Bancroft.

Prior the Public Hearing no comments, oral or written, were received by the City. However, Steve Wendt from the North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG), gave several comments and, while doing so, answered questions about the Program from those in attendance. Wendt's comments included a general description of the accomplishments to date. Wendt stated that the rehabilitation of 4 homes included in the Program has now been completed. Wendt further stated that 1 more project is currently under rehabilitation and 2 more recently went under contract. Also processing for an 8th and possibly a 9th project will begin in the Spring of next year and they will be completed well before the CDBG contract end date with the City – July 31, 2018. Wendt also commented that upon completion of the

Program the City will have exceeded its 8 unit original performance target by 1 home, contingent on funding a 9th homeowner who has not yet been selected.

A summary of grant and local match expenditures to date was also presented. To date, \$131,229 in CDBG grant funds has been drawn down or requested, but upon completion of the remaining projects, it is forecasted that approximately \$278,000 in total grant funds will be expended. Also, to date, \$11,075 of the City's \$20,000 total local match obligation has been expended. The City's remaining local match obligation of \$8,925 will be expended over the next several months as the remaining projects are completed. Wendt also commented on other changes to the original project budget as shown by a breakdown of the final costs expended or estimated to be expended on each of the homes included in the Program.

Wendt also commented on the main objective of the City of Bancroft Housing Rehabilitation Program, which is to increase the supply of safe and sound housing, in the selected target area, for low to moderate income (LMI) households. In this regard, Wendt showed the target area map from which all of the assisted homeowners are selected, and also showed the income limits (LMI) for the Program. Wendt further stated that all homeowners assisted in the Program have or will meet these limits.

Being no further discussion, comments, or questions, Mayor Pro Tem Richter adjourned the Public Hearing.

Chris Diggins will contact the State and we will re ask for Appraiser proposals as we did not receive any for the Lagoon Project.

Motion Schemmel, second Arndorfer to approve Annual Code of Ordinance Updates. All approve Motion carried.

Motion by Schemmel, second Arndorfer to approve request for Tax Abatement under the City of Bancroft Urban Revitalization Plan – for 428 S Morehouse, Walter and Karen Renger subject to Kossuth County Assessor review. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Schemmel, second Fraker to approve liquor license renewal for Leiskure Lane. All approve. Motion carried.

Council will set goals in January.

Motion by Arndorfer, second Schemmel to approve Resolution 2016.12.01 A resolution for Adopting 2017 Electric Budget. Roll Call vote: Schemmel, aye, Fraker-aye, Arndorfer-aye, Richter-aye. All approve. Motion carried.

Request for donation to North Union After Prom Party died for lack of motion.

Motion Schemmel, second Fraker to approve donation of \$50 to North Union for Yearbook. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Schemmel, second Fraker to approve pay request in the amount of \$160,471.04 to Nettleson for Ally Project. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion Fraker, second Schemmel, to approve change order to lower water main on Front Street. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Fraker, second Schemmel to approve payment to Beck Excavating in the amount of \$223,940.44. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Fraker, second Schemmel to approve Change Order on the additional Water Main on Summitt Street. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Schemmel, second Richter to adjourn meeting at 8:03PM. All approve. Motion carried.

Mayor-Tom McCleish

Crysti Neuman