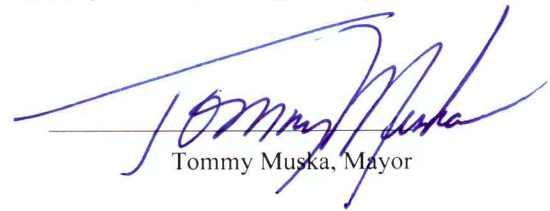
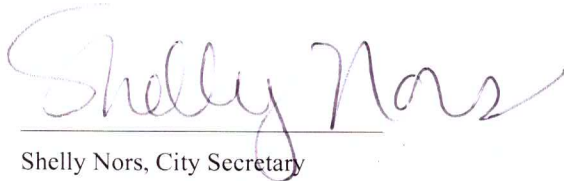


MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2015

1. Mayor Muska called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. Roll Call: present council members – Cheryl Marak, Brian Muska, Al Vanek, and Mayor Muska. Jay Gerik and Steve Vanek were absent.
3. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: securing funding for utility projects through certificates of obligations. Setting the amount, number of years, and I & S rate for new debt obligation. Mayor Muska went over the breakdown of option 1 and option 2 for the infrastructure improvements that the city would like to move forward with after the sale of the certificates of obligations. Option 1: priority 1 – water tank rehabilitation - \$450,000.00, priority 2 – WWTP head works improvements \$464,000.00, priority 3 – Holt/Davis/Garland pavement improvements \$584,900.00. Option 1 total would be \$1,498,900.00. Option 2: would be the first 3 priorities and also priority 4 – downtown water and wastewater line improvements \$629,950.00. Option 2 total would be \$2,128,850.00. Al Vanek suggested doing the first three priorities through the certificates of obligation and the fourth priority possibly do half out of our reserves and the rest out of the certificates of obligation. Brian Muska agreed but felt that we should fund all 4 priorities through the certificates of obligation since the rates are so low now and prices might go up tremendously. On a motion by Al Vanek, seconded by Brian Muska to proceed with securing funding for utility projects through certificates of obligation for option #1 which includes priorities 1-3, approving an I & S debt tax rate of \$0.110922, M & O tax rate of \$0.495555, and amending our total proposed tax rate to \$0.606477 for the fiscal year of 2015 -2016. Cheryl Marak voted against, all others in favor. Motion carried.
4. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: budget review for 2015 – 2016 fiscal year. Public Works Director, C.J. Gillaspie was present and voiced his opinion in regards to giving his employees a salary increase for the next fiscal year. He stated that many cities contract out work such as replacing water mains, but his crew does the work. He has extremely low turnover in his department and he would like to recognize his crew for doing a great job throughout the year. Cheryl Marak had previously researched towns our size and said that most cities give a cost of living raise every 4 or 5 years and it usually amounts to around 1% - 5%. Mayor Muska feels that more discussion is needed, no action taken.
5. Discussion, consideration, action, if any, re: amending preliminary budget figures for 2015 -2016 fiscal year. The new budget packet contained the following revisions: no salary increases, reduced two part time police officers positions, general fund repair and maintenance equipment expense reduced by \$50,000 and water/sewer fund repair and maintenance equipment expenditures reduced by \$78,000. Next budget meeting set for August 27 at 5:30 pm. No action taken.
6. On a motion by Cheryl Marak, seconded by Brian Muska we adjourned at 7:07 pm.



Tommy Muska, Mayor



Shelly Nors, City Secretary