St. Ansgar City Council

December 12, 2016

 Mayor David W. Tollefson convened a regular meeting of the St. Ansgar City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2016 in the council chamber of the St. Ansgar City Hall. Council Persons Myrna Jorgensen, Michael Esdohr, Bonnie Eustice, Paul Groth and Rose Krahenbuhl answered roll call. Employee Lance Schutjer was present. Alex Schmidt, Dallas Kuper and Bill Trygstad were also present.

01. Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to approve the consent agenda which included approving of the Liquor and Sunday sales license renewal for City Limits Liquor and Sunday sales, Thymeless Treasures limited Co. Wine license and tax abatement for Lance and Meg Schutjer and Richard and Jenni Brumm and on roll call vote ayes five.

02. There were no citizens present wishing to present items for future agenda consideration.

03. Eustice presented a motion, seconded by Jorgensen to approve the minutes of November 14, 2016 on roll call vote ayes five.

 04. Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to approve payment of bills submitted for the month of December 2016 along with the additional bill of $107,190.78 to Farm Tile-Pro for pay estimate #4 and on roll call vote ayes five.

 05. Trygstad explained the change order due to additional cost to work around high-pressure gas lines and two fiber optic cables. These charges are included in pay estimate #4. Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Eustice to approve the change order and on roll vote ayes five.

 Trygstad also reported that about 62% of the project work has been completed. Work will continue next spring.

 06a. Police Chief Schutjer presented a breakout of hours for himself and John for the month of November. Discussion was also had about parking on 8th Street by the school. Schutjer will visit with the school about the parking during events.

 06b. Water, Waste Water Operator Hillman was not present.

 06c. Superintendent Gooder was not present. The Mayor reported that there is a problem with the backhoe that will need to be fixed.

 06d. Woods is watching the budgeted fund balances to amend the budget when necessary. Groth presented motion, seconded by Esdohr to approve the November 2016 financial reports and on roll call vote ayes five.

 07a. Tree trimming Ordinance was tabled until next meeting.

 07b. Council reviewed bids given for the replacement of the street lights. Jorgensen presented a motion seconded by Eustice to award the street lighting project to St. Ansgar Electric to replace the street lights with the retro fit LED lights on roll vote ayes: Jorgensen, Eustice & Groth, abstaining from vote Krahenbuhl and Esdohr.

 07c. Jorgensen updated the Council on the Visioning program. The meetings have been completed and the committees will begin working on the grant writing process. The P,B,&R committee will be taking care of the City Park part of the project and the City will be working on a safe walking route for the children walking to school.

 7d. The Council reviewed the changes made to the vicious animal ordinance. The Mayor will be taking this back to the City Attorney’s office for some further revisions.

8a. Woods will start to schedule budget workshops with the committees in the next month to work on the FY18 budget.

8b. Eustice presented a motion seconded by Krahenbuhl approve Resolution 2016-32 setting a public hearing authorizing vacation & sale of the alley of block 38 for January 9, 2016 at 7:05 p.m. at the regular Council meeting and on roll vote ayes five.

8c. Mayor Tollefson reported that the School Board will be holding a public hearing on December 21, 2016 for the sale of the old Elementary School. The Mayor encouraged Council Members to attend this meeting if possible.

8d. Jorgensen presented a motion seconded by Groth to approve the appointment of Jon Henaman as Fire Chief effective the beginning January 2017 with the retirement of Jerry Rachut and on roll vote ayes five.

8e. Jorgensen presented a motion seconded by Groth to deny the payment to the railroad for supplies until the railroad can provide the City with a start date along with a completion date and the City sees some progress taking place and on roll vote ayes five.

8f. Groth presented a motion seconded by Esdohr to approve resolution 2016-33 amending pay resolution 2016-15 awarding a $.25 increase in pay to Justin Gooder for completion of his drinking water distribution 1 operator certification and on role vote ayes five.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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 David W. Tollefson, Mayor

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Tami Woods, City Clerk