

**CITY OF GRAFTON
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the City of Grafton was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Grafton, North Dakota at 5:30 Monday, November 3, 2014.

Chairperson West presided. Members present: Dave Fellman and Greg Young. Members absent: Don Hutson and Mary Stark. Others present: Nick Ziegelmann, Chris Lipsh, Brian Sieben, Shane Mohn, Len Wysocki, Ken Miskavige, Tony Dumas, Russ Geddes, Rock Desautel, Tim and Mary Kay Burns, Jon Markusen, Todd Morgan, Ryan Johnston, and Mike Steinfeldt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Fellman to recommend the City Council accept the application from the Chamber of Commerce to use the Walsh County ½ Mill Self Help grant for its downtown beautification project. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Fellman and seconded by Mr. Young to recommend the City Council approve the proposal from Valley Ambulance and Rescue Service to add sleeping rooms and a rest room to the ambulance building. The changes will make the building more effective, useful and also more inviting to prospective employees. Valley Ambulance and Rescue Service, Inc. understands it is responsible for all costs associated with the improvements. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

The members were provided a list of parcels within Grafton that have been taken by Walsh County due to delinquent property taxes. The property will be for sale to the public November 18th. A map showing the location of the properties will be provided to the Council members next month; the City may purchase any parcels that have not sold at the public auction.

The City Auditor reported she talked with the Director of the Walsh County Nutrition Program and the President of the Grafton Senior Citizens Club regarding the 2015 rental rates for the Armory. The Walsh County Nutrition Program currently pays \$280 per month and is willing to pay \$500 per month rent for 2015, and the Grafton Senior Citizens Club currently pays \$50 per month and is willing to pay \$100 per month for 2015. It was moved by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Fellman to recommend the City Council approve the new rates for the Armory rental contracts with Walsh County Nutrition Program at \$500 and the Grafton Senior Citizens Club at \$100 per month effective January 1, 2015. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

Mr. Ziegelmann reported he and City Attorney Nick Hall met with Tracy Laaveg and Rob Fleming as candidates for the Municipal Prosecutor position and they recommend extending the contract to Fleming, DuBois & Fleming, PLLP for 2015 with the same terms currently in effect

with the Walsh County States Attorney. Mr. Fleming proposed working within the terms of the current contract with Walsh County States Attorney and Ms. Laaveg proposed 10 hours of work for the \$1650 per month with a fee for any time over that, plus mileage. It was moved by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Fellman to recommend the City Council approve the Municipal Prosecutor contract with Fleming, DuBois, & Fleming, PLLP. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

Mr. Ziegelmann announced a representative from Flood Break who does flood gates and controls will be presenting at the KLJ office at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Fellman, seconded by Mr. Young and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Chris West, Chairperson

Connie A. Johnson, City Auditor-Treasurer