

**CITY OF GRAFTON
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

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 p.m. Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Monday was Labor Day.

Chairperson West presided. Members present: Don Hutson, Mary Stark, and Greg Young. Member absent: Dave Fellman. Others present: Chris Lipsh, Brian Sieben, Shane Mohn, Len Wysocki, Nick Ziegelmann, Tony Dumas, Ken Miskavige, Russ Geddes, Rock Desautel, Ron Thompson, Ryan Johnston, and Todd Kjelland.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No applications have been received at this time for the Walsh County ½ Mill Self- Help funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Ron Thompson requested the City's support for the Grafton Public School District to retain the Central School playground for the citizens' use. He explained in the 1990's with the help of a Bremer Foundation grant, the Central School PTO, and other community members, they were able to set up the playground for the community and the school. Mr. Thompson said with the building of the new middle school in another location he is concerned that the playground space will be lost to the neighborhood. He hopes to save the half block of Kittson Avenue as a green space with the playground so the neighborhood youth will not have to cross 5th Street to get to Leistikow Park or Highway 17 to get to the School. Mr. Thompson said he understands the City of Grafton is not responsible for the playground but he asked for the Committee's support when talking with the School Board and Park Board. He said he has talked with Parks and Recreation and they are willing to take on the maintenance of the playground. It was discussed whether the School has included the playground with the sale of the building; Mr. Thompson believes it is included for sale. It was the consensus of the Ways and Means Committee to support Mr. Thompson's request to retain the playground.

It was moved by Mr. Hutson and seconded by Mr. Young that it be recommended to the City Council to special assess uncollectible nuisance bills in accordance with the list presented for one year at 4.30% interest. All members were present except Mr. Fellman and voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Stark and seconded by Mr. Young that it be recommended to the City Council to approve for sale the list of abandoned vehicles and obsolete equipment prepared by the Department Heads provided for the Committee's review. A public silent auction is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29 from noon to 6 p.m. All members were present except Mr. Fellman and voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chris West, Chairperson

Connie A. Johnson, City Auditor-Treasurer