

**CITY OF GRAFTON
WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2019**

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. Monday, March 4, 2019.

Chairperson Chris West presided. Members present: Dave Fellman and Chris Lipsh. Members absent: Don Hutson and Shane Mohn. Others present: Nick Ziegelmann, Greg Young, Brian Sieben, Mary Stark, Tony Dumas, Kevin Sevigny, Russ Geddes, Rock Desautel, Elaine Broker, Ann McCann, and Todd Morgan.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Mr. Lipsh and seconded by Mr. Fellman to recommend the City Council accept the bid of \$300 submitted by Ann Oihus McCann for Lots 13 and 14, Block 15, Askelsons Addition. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lipsh and seconded by Mr. Fellman to recommend the City Council accept the bid of \$250 submitted by Elaine Broker for S 37' of Lot 1, Block 2, Mohagen's Second Addition. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Fellman and seconded by Mr. Lipsh to recommend the City Council adopt the City Investment Goals and Objectives (Policy) with revisions as presented. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

The lease for the golf course with the Grafton Golfers expires March 31, 2019. Currently the City donates 50% of the utilities for the club house, pump house and the club shed and there is question whether the City should continue that donation. Mr. Sieben talked to one of the Grafton Golfers Board members who said they have a 5-year plan for improvements to be made since they are currently seeing increased income. Last year they spent \$10,000 to replace trees and in the next 2 to 5 years they plan to replace an additional 200 trees. They also have yet to receive a bill from Keith Schrank for all the tree cleanup following the storms last summer. They plan to renovate some of the cart sheds as they are in poor condition. The irrigation system is at its life expectancy and has required some work; that will be a significant expense. Mr. Lipsh questioned if the Golfers are a 501c3 or a 501c7 status because if they are a 501c7 they are a member driven group and any profits must be put back in or returned to the membership and if they are 501c3 they are fully non-profit. Mr. Young mentioned the City's long-term commitment to the Park Board, suggesting the City's involvement may be comparable to both parties. Chairperson West directed Mr. Young, Mr. Lipsh and Mr. Sieben to meet with the Grafton Golfers to negotiate a contract before this month's City Council meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Fellman and seconded by Mr. Lipsh to recommend the City Council approve the request of Grafton Golfers to add the month of March to the Club Short-Term Alcohol License with the pro-rated license fee. The current Grafton Golfers Club Short-Term Alcohol License is from April to October. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Lipsh and seconded by Mr. Fellman to recommend the City Council approve the application from Gannett Peak, LLC d/b/a LaCantina, 115 West 5th Street for an On and Off Sale Alcohol License from July 1 through December 31, 2019. All members present voted in favor thereof; Chairperson West declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chris West, Chairperson

Connie A. Johnson, City Auditor