

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 1999
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus, Roy Middendorf, Jr., Bruce Tressler, Helen Gardner, Larry Bower and Glenn Tebbe.

Minutes were approved.

Annette Baker of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates and Darren Burkhart of HNTB were present to explain the need of a Bond in the amount of \$7,215,000 to upgrade the City's wastewater Treatment Plant to keep in compliance with IDEM. Annette handed out a schedule of present unaudited and limited financial information.

A few years back the sewer rate was reduced by 10% to the residents. It would run on an average of \$3 more a month on residents bill.

Darren Burkhart stated that last year the Board of Works ask HNTB to do a study on the wastewater Plant on upgrading. Included in this Bond would be the projects; Gas Creek, Phase II NW Sewer Extension and buying the necessary land. Legislation rules are going to be a lot stricter within the next 2-3 years. Plans are to schedule a public hearing for next months meeting at the Board of Works and start taking bids this fall if the Council approves. There will need to be 2-3 resolutions to go with this project that will probably be seen by Council at the March meeting.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve Bond proceeding. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Roy Middendorf, Jr. and seconded by Helen Gardner to approve Tax Abatement renewal for Northgate Apartments for another year. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Larry Bower and seconded by Roy Middendorf, Jr. to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 1999-1, Designating Depositories. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 1999-1. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Larry Bower to pass on 1st reading Ordinance 1999-2, Planning and Zoning Board Secretary Salary (Amending). All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Roy Middendorf, Jr. and seconded by Helen Gardner to suspend the rules and regulations. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Roy Middendorf, Jr. to pass on 2nd reading Ordinance 1999-2. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Bruce Tressler and seconded by Helen Gardner to pass on 3rd reading Ordinance 1999-2. All ayes. So passed.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Roy Middendorf, Jr. to pass declaring cancellation of old outstanding checks on City General. All ayes. So passed.

A letter was received from the United States Postal Service Real Estate Specialist, Marla J. Larsen-Williams. She stated that due to the elevations surrounding their current facility, expansion is not practicable and does not appear to be economically feasible.

They will need approximately 2.5 acres.

Mayor had received a letter from Brad Anderson of Benefit Resource stating that at this time it would not be in the best interest of the City to pursue partial self-funding on the City's health insurance. The rates initially given are no longer valid. Any rates would be subject to additional underwriting and attending physician's statements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER

Jack M. Morris

Helen R. Gardner

Roy M. Middendorf Jr.

Larry J. Brown

Alan Tebbe

ATTEST:

D. June Kyle

Clerk-Treasurer