

Minutes of the Hitterdal City Council
November 14th, 2011 @ 7:00 PM

Present: Mayor - Gayle Holte

Council Members: Jeff Schultz, Dave Nelson, Val Johnson, Mary Lou Anderson

Employees: Jen Ames, Andrew Osten

Guests: Dara Lee – Clay County HRA and Russell McDougall

Mayor Holte called meeting to order @ 7:00 PM

Dara Lee from Clay County HRA discussed a proposed resolution identifying housing rehabilitation and community development needs. There will be no HRA levy this year.

Jeff asked if it is grant money or a loan. It is a forgivable loan, if home is sold within first 7 years of getting money the loan will have to be paid back.

Dave motioned to adopt HRA resolution, 2nd by Mary Lou.

-Carried 5-0

Russell McDougall asked who puts in appeal for Post Office closing. Do we need a city wide petition? Make a petition and post somewhere in town. Russell will find out about appeal process.

Russell asked about LGA being lost for second half of 2010. It was explained that our paperwork didn't get in on time, therefore losing the LGA.

Delinquents – same as usual. Add interest to Flora Lake Apts. Call Modern Property Management to get them up to date.

Jeff motioned to approve charging interest to Flora Lake, 2nd by Val.

-Carried 5-0

Committee Reports:

Finance & Grants:

-Budget was tabled until next meeting.

-20/20 pricing for snowbirds/winter vacationers to shut off water and turn back on.

Dave motions to make 20/20 on/off for vacationers for residents in good standing, 2nd by Jeff.

-Carried 5-0

-Raise water/sewer rates as of January 1st was tabled until next meeting.

-Jen to call Traci at David Drown about refinancing TIF bond.

Jeff motions to adopt the states record retention schedule, 2nd by Gayle.

-Carried 5-0

Public Works & Safety:

- Culvert – call Lunde’s to get it done. DNR says it’s ok to do it.
 - \$360 for culvert
- Plow truck from county – they want \$5000 for the truck.
 - Andrew suggested not buying it as it’s too big for the city.
- Jeff suggests getting something that is DOT’d right off the bat so we don’t have to put so much money into it
- Dave suggests we see what Gross will charge to weld it and offer the county the difference.
- We have truck, tractor and snow blower.
- A lot of towns are going with pay loaders
 - Research pay loaders, set up and more options besides just a truck.
- Andrew’s take Dodge in to get it tuned up.
- Table water and sewer rates until next meeting. See if Fuch’s is going to raise rates.
- Trailer not in trailer court was brought up. Check to see if there’s an ordinance stating trailers should be in trailer court.
- Research getting building permits.
 - Assessors will be out if we have building permits. Protects the public and gets project on the tax rolls.
 - If it’s structural, get a permit.
- Jen to call Assessor’s office and inform them of trailer by the Blue House.

Community Center/Gym:

- Open Center for walking starting November 15th by 7:30 am.
- Score board should not be left out. School needs to put away after each event or they will be charged if it becomes broken again.
- Look at contract to see if City pays for clean up or the school.
- Jeff suggests patching the SE part of the roof.
 - See if there’s grant money out there.
- Call Gullard’s to see if they can patch roof for us.
- Research the different options for the roof.

Val motions to patch roof, 2nd by MaryLou.

-Carried 3-2 (Gayle & Dave)

- Blinds in the meeting room are broken, some ladies would like to sew new ones.
(Fix the slats)

Liquor Store:

- Some complaints about rudeness from workers.
- Val needs to get in all of her hours.
- Sales are down from last year.
- Monitor sales
- Jeff & Val will have a meeting with Shari & Val to see what's going on before a spot check inventory is done.

Dave motions to pay bills as presented, 2nd by Jeff.

-Carried 5-0

Sale of Fire Department items was tabled until we get a list.

PERA exclusion report – may have to back pay for Amy and Belinda.

Dave motions to adjourn at 8:55 PM, 2nd by Jeff.

-Carried 5-0

-Got go ahead from DNR. Culvert & drain tile to be replaced.

-Get it done before flooding.

-See what watershed says before motion.