

April 7, 2010

The governing body met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., April 7, 2010. Mayor Joe Mitchell and councilmembers Galen Niehues, Bob Claas, Ray Shinn, Bruce Hermesch, Steve Bennett and Jim Mitchell were present. Also present were City Administrator Tami Dandliker, City Attorney Richard Massieon, Police Chief Brent Schulte, Bruce Deters, Tony Altenhofen, Brock Corby, Jim Runnebaum, Brian Rusche, Harry Leem and Jerry Stallbaumer and reporters Heidi Wolfgang, Jim Copeland and Matt Diehl.

Ray Shinn moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010 regular council meeting. All six voted aye.

City Attorney Richard Massieon was present to discuss golf carts, micro utility trucks and work site utility trucks on public streets. Bob Claas moved and Bruce Hermesch seconded a motion to allow a designated committee and the police to meet on this matter. All six voted aye.

Jerry Stallbaumer, Jim Runnebaum, Tony Altenhofen and Brock Corby were present to give the Spring Creek Golf Course annual report and to request forgiveness of 2009 utility bills. Bruce Hermesch moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to approve forgiveness of the total pump utility billing and \$3680.15, which is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the total utility bill for the clubhouse. The Golf Club will be responsible for the remaining half of the clubhouse bill, which is \$4635.45. Galen Niehues, Ray Shinn, Bruce Hermesch, Steve Bennett and Jim Mitchell voted aye, while Bob Claas voted naye.

There were three bids received for a new truck for the electrical department. Two bids were from Nemaha Valley Motors - \$23,850.00 and \$25,682.00 and a bid from Honeyman Ford in the amount of \$23,525.00. Jim Mitchell moved and Steve Bennett seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a new truck for the electrical department from Honeyman Ford in the amount of \$23,525.00, to sell the replaced vehicle on Purple Wave and to exchange money between funds. All six voted aye.

Bruce Hermesch moved and Steve Bennett seconded a motion to approve the request for permission to exceed amount

previously allowed for trading in a backhoe attachment and purchasing a tiller and posthole digger by \$700.00. All six voted aye.

There were five bids received in regards to mowing city properties (airport, old golf course, lagoons and cemetery): Holthaus Landscaping; Gudenkauf Tree Service; JED Enterprises; Elmer Lackey and Doug Dalinghaus. The Parks Committee recommendation was to award mowing bids on the airport and old golf course to the low bidder and hire 2 seasonal employees to mow all other city properties. Bruce Hermes moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to award the bid to mow the airport and old golf course to JED Enterprises and to hire 2 seasonal employees. All six voted aye.

Ray Shinn moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to hire Dustin Haverkamp and Trevor Schulte as the two seasonal employees at a wage of \$7.75 per hour. All six voted aye.

Jim Mitchell moved and Galen Niehues seconded a motion to approve the request for payment in the amount of \$58,959.42 to Charlie's Construction for materials and work performed in connection with the Water Distribution System Improvements Project. All six voted aye.

The Travel and Tourism Committee recommends the council approve grants to the American Legion Riders Post 21 in the amount of \$2000.00 and to the Seneca Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1400.00. Galen Niehues moved and Bob Claas seconded a motion to approve the travel and tourism committee's recommendations. All six voted aye.

Bob Claas moved and Steve Bennett seconded a motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 11267, paying all bills. All six voted aye.

Galen Niehues moved and Jim Mitchell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All six voted aye.

Jane F. Strathman  
City Clerk