

CITY COUNCIL WORKING SESSION

February 25, 2019
203 Broadway Ave N

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Andrew Wright	City Attorney
Michael Higbee	Council President	Elizabeth Barker	Treasurer
Pam McClain	Council Member	Karen Drown	Clerk
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Regie Finney	Public Works Director
Sue Gabardi	Council Member	Concerned Citizens	

WORKING SESSION called to order at 6:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Karen Drown confirmed a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ... Minutes of February 11, 2019: Pam McClain moved to approve the minutes; Sue Gabardi seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Bi-Monthly Claims for Payment: Pam McClain moved to approve the monthly claims for payment; Michael Higbee seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- ... Clerk/Treasurer Report: Kyle Hauser moved to approve the clerk/treasurer report; Pam McClain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael moved to amend the agenda and switch the two agenda items. Kyle seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Update on Seneca Facility: Mayor McCauley summarized for Council members the concerns and issues with the Seneca facility and the new purchasers. He explained that the facility had been sold to a number of owners but the process to divide it had not been completed per city code. With the information that we have been provided it looked not like a lot line adjustment but more like a subdivision. He added that nothing has been formally applied for or approved. The city did have a meeting with the owners or their representatives and notified the parties of the process that needed to be done to move forward. In the end the city needs to know the properties and owners along with the infrastructure provided to those properties.

Discussion continued with the situation of the utility accounts. Mayor McCauley informed Council that Selkey is paying under protest but paying and all accounts are under Seneca/Selkey Buhl LLC. It was explained the real estate agent didn't follow through with a completed application. The occupancy permits and fire inspection would need to come after land division process. Concerning the bonds different property owners see it in different ways. From the city staff's figures 95% of the waste came from the processing portion of the plant. Mayor McCauley noted the owners have some responsibility to figure it out between them. He also stated the city built an asset to meet Seneca's requirements and needs and Mr. Selk knew that before closing. Andrew Wright explained that if they don't figure it out amongst them the city would and let them challenge it. The last information is there had been a public records request made to the city, an estimate was given but no response had been made in return.

Review of Audited 2017-2018 Financial Statements: Elizabeth began the review with a discussion about policies that are put into place and how those policies are tracked from year to year. She explained that the city's net position has decreased because of items that were budgeted. She added that government's job is not to amass money but to spend it for our citizens. She provided graphs and charts that reviewed the different revenue sources and fund balances. She did not the Local Improvement District fund was closed and the fund balance was transferred to the Street Fund.

At the next month's work session she will do a review of the utility comparison documents.

Elizabeth commented she is very proud of Council to look at the future and look at things that are needed for the city.

COUNCIL CONCERNS – Kyle asked about an update on the sidewalk at the end of the football field. Regie stated he has contractors lined up and is just waiting for the ground to dry out. He has also talked with the Buhl School District about the scoreboard. Regie commented he hoped to start on it in the next couple of weeks.

Kyle also asked about a radar trailer. He commented that it needed to be looked into investing in for the city.

Regie informed Council that he had heard and we did not get the safe kids grant. It was noted that the area we are lacking points is accidents. Which consensus was that if we are short on points that is a good area because it means kids are not getting hurt.

There was a discussion about scheduling a meeting with SIEDO and possible dates were discussed.

Michael announced there was a town hall meeting scheduled with all the state legislators for the following Saturday to address any concerns that citizens have in the community.

MEETING ADJOURNED – Kyle Hauser moved that the meeting be adjourned; Michael Higbee seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Minutes prepared by Karen Drown, City Clerk