

BYRON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY AUGUST 23 2016  
6:00PM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
680 BYRON MAIN COURT NE

- A) CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Diercks called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Members Present: Ann Diercks, Bob Meyer, Matt Brekke, Dan Mesenburg and Scott Johnson.

Also Present: Joe Cartney, Harvey Bergh, Carl DeWaard, Daryl Glassmaker, Aaron Gross, John Goodman, Martina Goodman, Public Works Superintendent Eric Counselman, Deputy Jay Clemens and City Administrator Mary Blair-Hoeft.

- B) APPROVE AGENDA - Motion made by Member Meyer second by Member Mesenburg to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

- C) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA – Motion made by Member Johnson second by Member Mesenburg to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

1. City Council Minutes from August 10, 2016
2. BEDA Minutes from June 21, 2016
3. P&Z Minutes from July 11, 2016
4. Warrant List for August 23, 2016 - 27,035.64
5. Approval After Payment for August 23, 2016 - \$48,679.00

- D) COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND PETITION –

1. **Veterans Memorial Presentation** - Commander of the Legion, Carl DeWaard explained the concept of the Veterans Memorial. Joe Cartney of the Byron Foundation and Custodian of the funds asked the council about a long term agreement with the city for ground maintenance. The Legion will maintain the Memorial. Cost for granite and footings is around \$130,000. There is no target date set yet. There is concern about funding down the road for the maintenance. Consensus of the Council is to the creation of a long term maintenance agreement for this project.
2. Resolution 16-25 County Road 134 - FYI

- E) PUBLIC COMMENTS: Asked three times with no response.

- F) PUBLIC HEARING – None

- G) GENERAL BUSINESS –

1. **Painting Clarifiers** - Bids were as follows: TMI Coating Inc \$47,700; Champion Coating Inc \$52,400. Motion made by Member Brekke second by Member Mesenburg to accept staff's recommendation to hire TMI Coating for \$47,700. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **2017 Budget Discussion** - Hoeft highlighted discussions with the Finance Committee and went over the budget differences from 2016 to 2017. Health insurance could increase up to 7 percent. The City's network is needing to be updated, the city hall

boiler has concerns (companies are looking at it). The bus stipend agreement with MnDOT is to a maximum of \$5,250 in 2017. Sewer rates will increase \$.15/1000 gallons in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The sesquennial group is requesting \$32,000 to be set aside for 2017. The City debt increased \$161,349, the Local government aid increased \$2,400. The union agreement is still pending.

Hoefl asked about the status of the tablets and how they are working. Should the City consider an IT stipend vs the tablets. Discussion included providing tablets to those Members that needed it and for those that didn't, allow them to use their own device. Hoefl will look at making a policy.

H) UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

I) NEW BUSINESS – None

J) COMMITTEE BOARD REPORTS/OPEN DISCUSSION –

Hoefl talked about the staff had a wellness potluck. There is a Byron Chamber open house at Kings Flooring on Thursday evening. I have received a verbal that the Chamber will donate to the Frontage Road banners.

Counselman updated the council on city projects. The Sentence to Serve removed the pergola at the pool and trimmed the bushes along Valley View Park.

The Mayor and Member Brekke attended a Finance meeting. Member Meyer attended the EDA meeting and announced that there is a Fire Open House on October 10th and that Jeff Ellis has retired from the Fire Department. Member Mesenburg attended the EDA meeting. Deputy Clemens mentioned some vandalism on homes and parks. Harvey Bergh said the teachers are in the new primary school.

L) ADJOURN – Motion made by Member Meyer second by Member Brekke to adjourn the Meeting at 6:53pm. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ann Diercks, Mayor

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Mary Blair-Hoefl, City Administrator