

Sprague City Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 7:00 P.M.
Location: Sprague City Hall, 119 W Second
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Open Meeting:

Mayor Eagleson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members answered to roll call: Jeff Smith, Trace DeGarmo, Dan Bonk, and Rocky Henson.

DeGarmo moved to excuse Coombs' absence. Henson seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approve/amend Agenda:

DeGarmo moved to approve agenda. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Century West Engineering:

Sewer Lift Station – The estimated start date for the lift station is July 16, 2018 and completion date is estimated to be August 31, 2018.

Bridge Design – Dan reported that they are continuing with the permitting process right now and proceeding with plan development.

CDBG Planning Grant - Environmental review is not necessary for this grant because it is a planning only grant. However, we are required to submit a determination for exemption of environmental review and a state environmental policy act.

Bonk moved to approve and sign the Determination of Exemption for CDBG Planning Grant and the State Environmental Policy Act. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nu Agra -Ron and Barb Watcher:

Mr. Watcher is interested in putting in a Fertilizer plant and needs a location near the rail road, with natural gas and water. He would be purchasing about 2.5 million gallons of water a year. He produces a urea-based product that is not odor producing. He would hire locally. Mr. Watcher's time line is about two years. He has been in contact with Margie Hall, Lincoln County EDC and Burlington Northern Sante Fe Rail Road. Mr. Watcher is looking at a few different locations and wanted to see if the city is interested. Council is very interested and looks forward to hopefully working with Mr. Watcher.

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 21, 2018 Council meeting were presented to the council. Bonk moved to approve the minutes from the March 21, 2018 Council meeting. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Scooter Dearing – Railroad Depot: They are going in on Monday to start cleaning and getting everything ready for the season. They are hoping to open in May. Mayor Eagleson asked if next winter there would be room in the Depot to store the picnic tables inside, so they don't get damaged over the winter. Scooter stated they had room.

Sheriff's Report:

See attached report. Deputy Steadman was present.

Maintenance Report:

See attached report.

Treasurer's Report:

Saucier presented the Check Warrant Register from March 22, 2018 to April 18, 2018
03/22/2018 through 04/18/2018

Claims: Checks #11865-11874 and 11882-11898 and 3 EFT's = \$31,613.60

Payroll: Checks # 11875-11881 and 11899 and 12 EFT's = \$11,956.34

Total: \$43,569.94

DeGarmo moved to approve the Check Warrant Register. Smith Seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

I had a good meeting with Andrew Engell from Cathy McMorris Rogers office. He provided excellent leads and contacts to help us in efforts to revitalize downtown and the city as a whole. This could include some housing projects and using green energy. So, you will start to see efforts in marketing what Sprague has to offer. My top priority and for all of us at City Hall is to continue to monitor the flood risk to our city.

Old Business:

Rob Simon – Sewer/Water connection Agreement: Council reviewed the agreement and Saucier will wait until next Wednesday, April 25, before she sends it to the Simons to review to allow more time in case other changes are requested by council. See attached agreement.

New Business:

Hoodoo Billy Bash – Shelly Martin presented to the Council the plans for the Hoodoo Billy Bash and is requesting some street closures.

Council asked if she could bring in a drawing of which streets need to be closed to the next meeting.

Smith moved to Table the Hoodoo Billy Bash until the May meeting. Bonk seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Tree Removal – We received a quote from Bill’s Tree Service to remove the large maple behind City Hall for \$800.00.

Bonk moved to approve the removal of the tree as quoted from Bill’s Tree Service. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

We, the undersigned members of the City Council for the City of Sprague, DO HEREBY Certify that these minutes are true and correct from this Council meeting.

Mayor _____ Council Member _____

Council Member _____ Council Member _____

Council Member _____ Council Member _____

ATTEST: _____ Clerk/Treasurer