

**Sprague City Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 20, 2018 7:00 P.M.**  
**Location: Sprague City Hall, 119 W Second**  
**DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED**

**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, and Shawn Coombs. DeGarmo made a motion to excuse Rocky Henson and Dan Bonk. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Approve/amend Agenda:**

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

**Minutes:**

The minutes from the May 16, 2018 Council meeting and the May 30, 2018 Special meeting were presented to the council. Coombs moved to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2018 Council meeting and the May 30, 2018 Special meeting. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Michelle Barrus: Wanted to ask the council for an executive session to discuss her water bill. Council advised her they cannot go into executive session for that. She stated she would like an extension to pay her water bill. She said she cut down the trees in front of her house that cost a lot and she won't be able to get money until July 1st. Council granted her an extension, so she can pay on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dan Harper: Mr. Harper wanted to talk about his renter and her extremely high water bill. He stated this is the second time he has been stuck with the bill after his renters move out and don't pay the bill. He asked the council if they could forgive this one and wipe it out because the city should have more proactive. Eagleson let him know that shut off has been scheduled and we are actively working to get residents to pay. Smith recommended Mr. Harper work with office staff to make payment arrangements. Clerk/Treasurer Behrens will ask the attorney and MRSC to see if we could legally forgive any of the water bill.

Sherri Stowell: She wanted to let everyone know that the Railroad Depot is looking for volunteers for the committee and to man the depot on Saturdays.

**Sheriff's Report:**

See attached report.

**Maintenance Report:**

Public Works Director Justin Sauer was present to read the maintenance report. See attached report. Councilmember Smith asked if Sauer could please remove the shrubs in the park between the bars. Sauer advised that he would. Jill Sheffels let Sauer know that she thinks the park is looking great and to keep up the good work.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Behrens presented the Check Warrant Register from May 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018

05/01/2018 through 05/31/2018

Claims: Checks #11911-11919 and 11912-11919 and 11921-11933 and 4 EFT's = \$25,077.08

Payroll: Checks # 11905-11911 and 11920 and 11934-11941 and 14 EFT's = \$14,467.21

Total: \$39,544.29

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

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Eagleson reported to the council that Clerk/Treasurer Behrens has managed to fix April water meter amounts that many people called in about. We have hired Lisa Hendrickson for the deputy clerk/librarian position. Kyle Canaday will be starting as the new public works assistant at the end of this month. Smith asked Mayor Eagleson if he was going to be part time or full time, Eagleson stated he will be starting out at 32 hours a week.

**Old Business:**

Hoodoo Billy Bash – Shelly Martin presented to the Council her insurance documents for the Hoodoo Billy Bash they asked for her to bring before they could make a decision to close streets. Shelley also wanted it on record that this is not a Viking event. The volunteers were able to raise enough funds to make it their own. Council looked over the documents. Coombs made a motion to approve the street closures. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

Jill Sheffels – Chamber Building: Jill advised the council that the chamber needs to do something with the building. It is too costly for them to run on their own and they are looking for options on what they could do. She wanted to ask if the council would be interested in exploring the option of the chamber possibly giving or selling it to the city and working with them to keep it open. She wanted it noted that there are some chamber members who do not think it would be a good idea, but she thinks it could be a great thing. Mayor Eagleson stated that he spoke with Margie Hall and she said this

could open up more grant opportunities and if we decide to move forward he would still want Jill to run and direct events. Jill stated she does not need an immediate answer on the Council's decision, but to know that they would be willing to talk about it, so she can let the chamber know this could be an option. She also asked the council if the city could replace her handicap sign that was accidentally thrown away by the public works department. Sauer stated he will look in the shop to see if he has one. Shari Stowell advised the council that acquiring the chamber building could possibly lower the city's insurance. Smith stated they should be able to donate the building. Dean Stolp asked how the city could afford to maintain the building. Eagleson advised we will be looking into everything associated with acquiring the building.

Pacific Office Automation: Behrens presented the council with two more quotes for a printing service and let the council know that Pacific Office Automation would be willing to price match. Behrens also advised the council that when the contract expires we would have the option to buy the printer at fair market value. Smith moved to table this until all councilmembers were present to make a decision. Coombs seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Richard Duncan – Water Leak: Behrens advised the council that Mr. Duncan had a water leak over the winter and he is asking for a one-time leak forgiveness. Behrens also stated the water had been shut off March 3<sup>rd</sup>, a Saturday, so they could fix this leak. The water had been off for some time while they were still being charged. DeGarmo advised Behrens to get exact dates the water was off, so we can make an adjustment. Coombs made a motion to accept the leak forgiveness. Smith seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:**

Mayor Eagleson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 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\_\_\_\_\_

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk/Treasurer