

**CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 2, 2015
Fisher School Library
7:00pm**

Council Members Present: Jennifer Dahlen, Laurie Anderson, Alissa Larson, Wayne Schull, Adam Wagner

City Staff Present: Amy Theis, Jeff Olson, Chris Reynolds, Mike Theis, Andrew Dahlen

1. **Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dahlen at 7:08pm.**
2. **Additions/Corrections were made to the agenda.**
3. **Approve Minutes from October 5, 2015 meeting.**
Larson made a motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2015. Wagner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Fisher Forum:**
5. **Public Works:**
 - Summer equipment is put away
 - Hydrant by Cenex will be repaired Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Letters were sent to residents notifying them of the water shutoff.
 - Trouble discharging because of warm temps. High ph levels.
 - Safety training for Chris on Thursday, November 5, 2015.
6. **Fire & First Responders:**
 - A. Fire Chief Performance Evaluation and Salary Recommendation
Recommendation to increase from \$1,560 to \$1,600 annually. **Schull motioned to approve a salary increase of \$40 annually. Wagner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - B. Ambulance Replacement
First Responders have committed \$10,000 towards the purchase. Fire Relief will not commit to funding until the City commits to a dollar amount. Cost could range from \$25,000-\$40,000 depending on 4x4 capabilities. Fire Relief is open to an interest free loan to the City. The Council wants a clearer picture. **Wagner moved to table. Anderson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - C. Live burn in Crookston on October 31st
 - D. Chili feed took in \$1,700 in donations
 - E. Pumpers failed inspections. Bids for repair are \$6,190. **Anderson made a motion to proceed with repairs. Schull seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Police:**
 - A. Police Performance Evaluation and Salary Recommendation
Recommendation to increase 3% in 2016 and 2% in 2017. **Anderson made a motion to increase the hourly pay rate for the Police Chief and Officer by 3% in 2016 and 2% in 2017. Wagner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**
 - B. Quiet

8. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Delinquent water bills:

Theis reported that 2 residents will be disconnected on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for non-payment.

B. RFP for Engineering Services

Theis reported that RFPs have been sent to AE2S, EAPC, CPS Ltd., KBM, WSN, and Moore Engineering. The deadline to submit a proposal is November 30, 2015.

C. Christmas Tree Lighting Date

Wednesday, December 2nd 6:00pm (5-8pm), FACF to sponsor cookie decorating at the Emergency Center, Fisher Chamber of Commerce to sponsor horse drawn carriage rides.

D. Comprehensive Planning

Nothing to report.

E. Rental Ordinance

Larson made a motion to approve City Ordinance #2015-02 Governing Rental Housing effective Jan. 1, 2015. Schull seconded. Anderson and Wagner voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Yard of the Month Winner

302 Fletcher, Ray Balfanz & Amanda Tate

9. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

A. Engine Braking Ordinance

Theis presented the Council with a proposed Ordinance #2015-01 regarding excessive vehicle noise. Larson made a motion. Motion died for lack of a second. Theis will contact Polk County about the use of a speed trailer.

B. MPRW Rate Increase

Theis presented the Council with the letter she received from Jason Hillman, Manager of MPRW, informing them of an increase of \$0.25 per thousand gallons effective January 1, 2016.

C. Housing Incentive Program

Theis was contacted by Zach Bruer about a 2 year property tax abatement for new construction that the City used to offer. Theis checked with Michelle Snyder, Polk County Taxpayer Service Center Supervisor, and was told that the City of Fisher had participated in the Housing Incentive in the past but hadn't utilized it since 2009. The Council does not wish to participate at this time and believes this is something to be addressed during the comprehensive planning process.

D. 2016 Budget Planning

E. Cross Country Ski Trail

F. Potluck

10. Open Discussion:

11. Approve November Disbursements:

Schull made a motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$33,691.52. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjourn at 8:45pm:

Larson made a motion to adjourn. Schull seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Theis
Clerk-Treasurer