

The Horace City Council met on April 3rd, 2017 at 7:00PM. Those present were Kory Peterson, Sharon May, Bryan Schmidt, John Koerselman and David Fenelon. Mayor Kory Peterson called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Schmidt moved with second by May to approve the March 20th minutes with corrections. No opposition. Motion carried.

Councilman Koerselman moved with second by Schmidt to approve the Consent Agenda. No opposition. Motion carried.

Councilman May moved with second by Fenelon to approve the Regular Agenda. No opposition. Motion carried.

Deputy Castle presented the year end Police Report.

Darin Galde presented opposition to the Wilds 9th Area Plan. Additional discussion to follow.

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- Jason Bensen provided information and a progress report on the FM Diversion.
- Councilman Fenelon moved with second by Koerselman to approve awarding the bid for Lost River 2017-1 water and sewer to KPH. No opposition. Motion carried.
- Councilman Koerselman moved with second by Schmidt to approve Sanitary Sewer Resolutions for 2017-2. No opposition. Motion carried.
- The second reading of the Land Use Ordinance approved by first motion from May and second by Fenelon. No opposition. Motion carried.

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Interstate Engineering:

- Mr. Dahlman reported on the March 29th Public Forum regarding the sewer connection to Fargo. Additional comments will be taken until the end of April. Approx. 85 people were in attendance.
- The Engineers Agreement for Lost River was approved by first motion from Fenelon and second by Koerselman.

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Portfolio reports:

- Sharon: (1) reported on the essay for Mayor for a Day. A \$50.00 cash prize was awarded to the winner by first motion from May and second by Fenelon. All were in favor. (2) discussion was held regarding fund raising for the Park Board and an award for city volunteer.
- Bryan: The city initiated a project in January 2017 to analyze the city water and sewer rates charged to residents. This involves providing information to the ND Rural Water Association which will analyze all costs involved to provide a recommended amount that will allow the city water funds to cover the cost of providing services. Today, the costs exceed the revenues and the city is running a deficit in the water and sewer fund. Plan to complete this assessment project by mid May 2017.
- John: continued discussion with Planning and Zoning with attention to commercial and industrial zoning.

- Dave: Auditor Kemmer and Dave will begin the process of seeking to fill the positions of Asst. Auditor and Tax Assessor. Job posting will begin this week.
- Kory: reported on the progress with Envision meetings.

Perry: reported 20 new permits for the month. Attending FEMA classes.

Adam: reported on progress with the remodel of the cold storage building. Approx. two weeks until completion.

Auditor: first payroll for Elected Officials and Planning and Zoning scheduled for April 7th.

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.

Mayor Kory Peterson

Vance Kemmer, Auditor