

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Liebenow at 6:51 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Voss, Nitschke, Liebenow

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Sabel, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Ron Guse, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Bob Smith, Sue Smith

Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 meeting.

Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Voss to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Treasurer’s Report.

**A. Finance Report Update.**

Shelley handed out the general fund, tag center fund, and golf course fund reports for period ended December 31<sup>st</sup>. She still has audit entries to do yet.

**B. 2007 Tax Collections.**

Shelley reported that we have collected 57% of the taxes so far. The audit date for the city audit is going to be March 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, & 26<sup>th</sup>. The audit date for the utility audit is going to be March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Item #5 - Golf Course Update.

**A. Discussion as to Start Process of Looking for an Accountant for the Golf Course.**

Ald. McKinnon had asked that this be added to the agenda. This is another item that had come out of the golf course contract talks that the golf course wanted added to the agenda. Ald. McKinnon was not at the meeting and neither was anyone from the golf course. Ald. Liebenow expressed that the new agreement is not done and that needs to come first before we go forward. If the agreement goes forward then they can look for an accountant. Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Liebenow to table item. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 – Discuss/Recommend Lease with Charles Wagner.

Vern explained that we had raised the rate on the lease last year. He feels it is a fair price. Charles Wagner had expressed interest in the land again this year. Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Nitschke to recommend to council for approval the lease with Charles Wagner. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 – Discuss/Recommend Lease with Ron Luedke (Tag Center Land).

Motion by Ald. Nitschke, second by Ald. Voss to recommend to council for approval the lease with Ron Luedke. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 – State of the City Report.

The Mayor handed out to everyone the Financial Trends and Comparisons report. The Mayor read the introductory report that stated the purposes of the report. The Mayor explained that the information in the report is basic. He explained we are missing some information on the 2008 budget comparison report. He chose six other municipalities to compare to us and some of them have not gotten us all the information. His goal was to get accurate information in the report and for it to be a tool to inform the council and citizens of the city’s financial health. He explained that he wanted to present the information and that he didn’t want to discuss any of the information at the current meeting. He would like everyone to look over the report and to discuss further at the February Finance meeting. The Mayor reviewed the current charts and tables included in the report.

Item #9 – Adjournment

Motion by Nitschke, second by Voss to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk