

Special City Council Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2004
7:00PM

THIS MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS TWO ITEMS: OPEN BIDS ON TANKER TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND TO DISCUSS THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bruce VanSickle called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Bruce VanSickle, Joy Bertsinger, Dick Nelson, Jason Ottman,
Clerk Nymann

Absent: Scot Keigley

III. OPENING BIDS FOR TANKER – FIRE DEPARTMENT

One bid was received from Deep South Truck & Equipment Sales. Clerk Nymann, Fire Chief John Stolp, and Jerry Lubahn went over the spec's together. The only item missing from the bids' specs was the Pressure Gauge under Pump Spec's. Lubahn & Stolp thought that it just had to be an oversight because the pump won't run without the gauge. The bid price of \$73,710.00 includes the warranty, delivery of the tanker, and taking the old tanker as trade in. Stolp also presented references for the company, and a copy of the maintenance records. It was noted that Stolp received positive feedback on reference given by Blumquist Fire Department. Also discussed was where to get water from out at the new Developments to fill the tanker with. Dan Fitzpatrick will be contacted about this. It was suggested to get a letter from Dan and have him show the Fire Department what water source to use. Fire Chief, Stolp and Asst. Chief, Lubahn were pleased with the bid that they received. **VanSickle motioned to accept the bid from Deep South Truck & Equipment Sales, Ottman second; all in favor, motion carried.** VanSickle asked Council member if the were comfortable about acting on the bid tonight. It was noted that they nodded in agreement. Discussion on financial aspect about purchasing the tanker. **VanSickle motioned to take approximately \$25,000 from the Investment Fund to curtail the remainder of the cost, and that Clerk Nymann and Chief Stolp should get together to put in the final figures, Nelson second; all in favor, motion carried.**

In other Fire Department business, Chief Stolp submitted a letter to the Council regarding the future of the Oronoco Fire Department. Oronoco Fire Department is looking at exploring their options to provide better service to Oronoco and the surrounding area, as well as getting the ISO rating lowered which in turn would lower homeowner insurance rates. There was also discussion about dispatch errors, talking to other city fire departments, and mutual aid. Lubahn added that they wanted to bring these ideas out into the open for discussion. VanSickle congratulated the Fire Department on their noble effort and told them to go ahead and explore the options that were discussed.

IV. CLEAN UP DAY

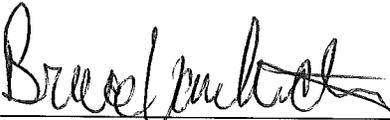
VanSickle stated that Karen from Onyx called and needed to set a date for the City Clean-Up; dates available were May 1st & 15th. It was stated that volunteers are needed, and Merle Kraus would need to be contacted for use of the fork lift to lift iron up into the container. Also, Steve Mohlke needed to be contacted if there were any sentence to serve individuals available. The newsletter should state that volunteers are needed, but don't put the date in yet. Separate flyers can go out with the date on it when it gets closer. It was decided that May 15th will be Clean Up Day.

V. ORDERLY ANNEXATION AGREEMENT

VanSickle stated that there was a miscommunication between him and Cheryl because he just wanted everyone to get the copies of the agreement; and that he didn't intend for Council to work on this tonight. **DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS:** The townships copy is so detailed, and should be condensed; Council needs to look at it, then lawyer should look it over; Compensating for losses (not per acre); Dan Fitzpatrick's agreement with the township for his developments; State statutes on Annexations; and Townships use of the building (lessen length of time). This should go on the next regular City Council Meetings Agenda.

VanSickle motioned to adjourn at 8:10PM, Ottman second; all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:



Bruce VanSickle, Mayor



Cheryl Nymann, Clerk/Treasurer