

Woodward Council Minutes

February 22, 2021 Special Session

Mayor Folkerts called the February 22, 2021 SS meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call: Present; Kirts, Gough, Stone, Bustad. Absent: Patel.

2) Motion Kirts approve the agenda, 2nd Stone, MCU.

3) Motion Kirts discuss the downtown area map for tax abatement purposes, 2nd Stone MCU. Mayor Folkerts explained this is just a discussion item, there is no voting at this time. This discussion is determining the best option for offering tax abatement to commercial property owners who would like to renovate their building. It was recommended by Dorsey Whitney to include the whole city with verbiage that would indicate the property must be assessed commercial or multi-residential for it to qualify. The verbiage would also exclude the eco park development area south of town. The City Council did recommend following up with Dorsey Whitney on the process for a city-wide tax abatement for commercial or multi-residential buildings only.

4) Motion Kirts to discuss the offer for the 5 acres for the new ballfield location, 2nd Stone, MCU. Dewey has looked at the agreement and the only thing he said needs to be discussed is the contract with the current farmer who is farming the land through Feb. 2022. More conversations will be had before the next council meeting on Mar. 8 with a contract to be voted on for purchasing the land.

5) Motion Stone to discuss the reasons for installing a natural gas generator instead of a diesel generator for the new lift station. The estimated charge by Black Hills Energy is \$2200, to be paid directly to Black Hills Energy. Motion Gough to approve the purchase of a natural gas generator for the new lift station not to exceed \$2500, 2nd Kirts. Roll Call Ayes; Bustad, Stone, Gough, Kirts.

6) Motion Bustad to waive pay for special session, 2nd Stone. Roll Call Ayes; Kirts, Gough, Stone, Bustad.

7) Mayor/Council Comments: Mayor Folkerts met with utilities and JD today regarding the new development. Everything is looking good and on track and as soon as the weather cooperates, they'll be back to work. Mayor Folkerts said Alliant Energy will be at the Mar. 8th Council meeting to talk about the 3-phase power for the lift station so that decision can be voted on in April. Mayor Folkerts and Council Person Gough met with the Library Director Griffith and 2 board members. Mayor Folkerts also met with a union representative and there will be a contract to review at a later meeting.

Motion Stone to adjourn at 7:15pm, 2nd Gough MCU.

Angie Hoyt, City Clerk

Attest: Todd Folkerts, Mayor