

City Council Meeting
November 14, 2024

The regular Riverdale City Council meeting of November 14, 2024 was called to order at 6:00 by President Dirk.

Present: Mike Dirk, Ken Skuza, Dave Fryda, Jerry Orth and Auditor Del Kolke

Absent: Alex Taylor

Orth moved to approve the consent agenda. Fryda seconded. Motion carried.

Guest:

Mark Kaffar, city attorney, introduced himself and explained his municipal expertise and services offered. Orth moved to pursue digitizing city ordinances once updated and also planning and zoning ordinances. Skuza seconded. Motion carried. When completed, flash drives with entire content will be distributed and posted to city website.

Short-term property rentals (i.e. Airbnb, VRBO) were discussed at length. Options for the council to consider include do nothing, not allow any additional rentals, or license current and future establishments. Licensing would be similar to liquor licenses with applicable fees assessed and setting limitations on the number of licenses issued. Several additional items would be addressed such as requiring adequate insurance, maintenance, and collection of appropriate taxes. The city can also opt to eliminate all in existence and prohibit them completely. A committee to brainstorm ideas is suggested.

Old Business:

Orth moved to offer the McLean-Mercer Regional Library a 10-year lease at \$0.25/sq ft payable monthly and pay all utilities with a penalty of paying out remainder of total expected income if vacated prior to the term of ten (10) years. Skuza seconded. Roll Call: Skuza aye, Fryda nay, Orth aye. Motion carried.

Orth moved to offer the Riverdale Quilt Club a 1-year lease at \$0.25/sq ft payable monthly and pay all utilities. Skuza seconded. Roll Call: Skuza nay, Fryda nay, Orth aye. Motion failed.

New Business:

Orth moved to approve raffle permit to Ducks Unlimited for Dec. 14, 2024 event. Fryda seconded. Motion carried.

Reports:

Dirk reported the Bobcat has an oil leak and it has been taken to Minot for repair and a loaner has been provided. Also, the loader appears to have a seal leaking and a technician will provide service.

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Skuzza would like a controlled burn done at the campground and arrangements will be made with the fire department. Trapping of ground squirrels was completed and two (2) more trees were removed. A proposal of allowing campers to leave campers at the campground once it has closed for the season was discussed.

Fryda indicated a transformer in the John Adams Addition is needing to be replaced and the large transformer north of the church is sized and located to serve all eight (8) lots. Property owners will need to tap into that existing transformer when hooking up electrical service.

Orth mentioned the Water Advisory Board recently met and plan to meet on a quarterly basis to address updating contract.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Executive Officer: _____
President

Attest: _____
Auditor