

Minutes
City of Griswold
Special Council Meeting, Small Room Community Building
February 26, 2018
6:00 P.M.

The Griswold City Council met in special session at Griswold Community Building in the Small Room. Mayor Brad Rhine called the meeting to order. Council present: Adams, Askeland, Cook, Preston. Absent: Sorensen. Motion by Adams to approve the agenda. Seconded by Askeland. Approved 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Mayor Brad Rhine opened the public hearing for **Resolution 25-2018: A Resolution to Adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**. There being no written or oral comments, Mayor Rhine closed the hearing at 6:01 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sorensen joined the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

- a. City Manager, Laura Hansen, read a letter of resignation on behalf of Lisa Buchanan. The letter apologized for any hurt feelings, addressed accusations made against her, and hopes the Board will deal with future concerns in a more professional manner.
- b. John Russell gave a petition to city council last year in hopes the city would address the condition of 5th and Harrison Streets. He stated he was anxious to hear the City's pavement plans.
- c. Delvan Tye voiced his concerns of the lack of respect between people in a town of our size.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Askeland updated council on the financials of the **Pavement Management Plan**. Currently, council is looking at paving the streets surrounding the city park with long term plans of paving other low quality roads in town.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion by Askeland to approve **Resolution 25-2018: A Resolution to Adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019**. Seconded by Sorensen. Roll call ayes: Adams, Askeland, Cook, Preston, Sorensen. Nays: none.
- b. Motion by Askeland to approve the **Tax Sale Certificate**. Seconded by Cook. Askeland amended his original motion to **approve the Tax Sale Certificate for 621 Main Street**. Seconded by Cook. Roll call ayes: Adams, Askeland, Cook, Preston, Sorensen. Nays: none.

MESSAGES AND REMARKS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

None.

MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Rhine thanked the public for attending and encouraged citizens to reach out to him if they have concerns in the future.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Askeland thanked Lisa Buchanan for serving on the Library Board. In order to avoid future disagreements, he would like the Library Board to form a subcommittee that makes policies regulating things like food consumption in the Library, events held at the Library, etc. He also stated if anyone is interested in serving on the Library Board to contact city hall or the Mayor to be considered. Adams wanted to remind everyone that the Library is for the town and that Lisa Metheny has done an incredible job for the Library. However there were concerns brought to the Board that needed to be addressed; she is hopeful we can move forward and make improvements. Preston noted the lack of communication between the Library and the Library Board along with City council and the City office. She thinks the city would benefit from a City Manager newsletter to make sure citizens are aware of town happenings. Sorensen thanked the public for coming and expressed sadness in hearing of Lisa Buchanan's resignation. Cook thanked Lisa Buchanan for her time on the Board. Motion by Askeland to adjourn. Seconded by Sorensen. Approved 5-0. 6:25 p.m.