

HARWOOD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City of Harwood, North Dakota

Special Meeting

March 21st, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Mayor Bill Rohrich called the special meeting to order @ 10:43 a.m. Present for roll call: Richard Sundberg, Jennifer Spiesz and Lori Peyerl. Attorney Sarah Wear, Engineer Stan Hanson, Deputy Auditor Cayla Mosser. In the audience Alan Kemmet. Ed Ployhart & Sherry Morris were not in attendance.

Consent Agenda: Mayor Bill Rohrich asked for last minute Agenda additions.

Motion by Spiesz to approve the Special March agenda *second* Peyerl.

Water Treatment Plant Interior Work: Engineer Stan Hanson opened discussion by introducing Alan Kemmet to the council. Alan presented to the Council 3 options with different contractors bidding work and noting that Sopp Controls bid was \$4,798.64 over the original bid presented on 03/07/2016. Spiesz opened discussion by stating she would go with Sopp Controls because he is local, close if something were to happen and argued the only reason Houston bid Preferred Controls is they are a contractor they have worked with on prior projects and feel comfortable around. Spiesz and Sundberg had a discussion about what Preferred Controls/Sopp Control Services offer to do in their bid and what made them different. Sundberg asked what happens when Sopp is out of town or something happens, he (Sopp Controls) has one employee with no back up. Preferred Controls has two locations in Albany, MN and in Minot, ND. Alan interjected to say if there was something going on in the water plant and Bernie called them to fix it; Preferred Controls would walk Bernie through the problem so if it occurred again, Bernie could fix it himself. With Mr. Sopp not at the meeting today, it is hard to ask him those same questions stated Alan. Spiesz wants to know what service(s) is going to be offered at no cost and Sundberg, Engineer Stan Hanson and Alan stated there is nothing in writing from Sopp Controls. Spiesz discussed the bid tabulation sheet was set up to make Sopp Controls Bid look higher than the other bid it was compared to. Alan explained that the bids were interchangeable and the city could elect to choose a different independent contractor to replace a current bid.

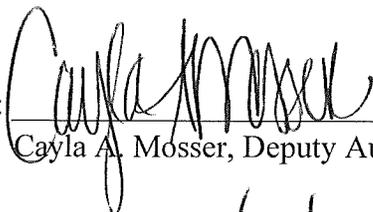
Motion by Sundberg to approve Bid Option 2A for the Interior of the waterplant to the lowest bidder, Automatic Systems & Preferred Controls as the independent contractors *second* Peyerl. Upon roll call vote with Sundberg and Peyerl voting all in favor and Spiesz voting against the motion, **motion carried**.

Charter Amendment & Sales Tax: Attorney Sarah Wear started off by discussing the resolution that was passed at the last council meeting. She stated there are 2 things the City

needs to consider amending. One of those things is the charter and ordinance have a limit of \$25.00 and she suggests to get rid of it. Spiesz noted this would be the same as Fargo and West Fargo. The second thing is the sales tax was passed with the intention of going to the community center. It currently states that it goes towards city buildings, infrastructure, job retention, recruiting and creation and more. Technically the way the charter reads now, sales tax can be used for the community center. Sarah's opinion is to leave the charter vague and create a policy defining what the money is used for. This way the city won't have to do a charter amendment. Education needs to be provided to the Residents.

Motion by Spiesz to amend the resolution approved at the last meeting to put a vote to the people for a charter amendment and an ordinance amendment for city sales tax increase *second* Peyerl.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Spiesz to adjourn at 11:09 a.m., *second* Peyerl.

Attest: 
Cayla A. Mosser, Deputy Auditor


Bill Rohrich, Mayor

Date of Approval 04/04/10