

City of Bancroft  
City Council Meeting  
Monday April 13 2009, 5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers

Mayor Janice Wolf called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Council members present included Phil Jaren, Judy Vaske, Pat Merron, and Tom Johnson and Mayor Jan Wolf. Robert Richter arrived at approximately 6:15 PM

Others present included Kim Meyer, Ed New, Greg Fritz from NIMECA and city staff Tim Rowlet, Michael Brennan, Tracy Elliot, Brian Hatten and Vickie Rahe.

Motion Vaske, second Jaren to approve the agenda with changes. All approve.

Greg Fritz from NIMECA attended to meeting to update the council on changes to energy sources and potential changes in federal guidelines that could impact Bancroft. NIMECA is researching several options to secure a long term supply of safe affordable power. One issue is the ability of Bancroft and other NIMECA members to retain control of generating capacity. He will update the council as needed.

Motion Vaske, second Merron to approve BMU investing \$30,000 in NO2 and O2 allowances. This meets a new federal government mandate to invest in renewable energy. All approve.

Motion Vaske, second Jaren to transfer monies from maturing BMU CD's to the utility money market account for 30 days and consider CD interest rates at the next meeting. All approve.

Motion Johnson, second Richter to approve May 8, 2009 as the annual garbage pickup day funded by the BMU. All approve.

Motion Vaske, second Jaren to approve the consent agenda. All approve.

Motion Vaske, second Johnson to approve payment of all city and utility bills. All approve.

Through unanimous consent, the council agreed to participate in a joint City Council/ Bancroft Community Economic Development Council session on June 22, 2009 beginning at 5:30 PM.

Motion Johnson, second Jaren to approve the closing of street between Nyman Furniture and Main Street Pub for a Fourth of July Fundraiser on April 30, 2009 from 7:00 PM until approximately Midnight or until the event ends.

Motion Vaske, second Jaren to approve a donation of 2 (two) ten-day passes as a Fourth of July Fundraiser. All approve.

Motion Jaren, second Johnson to approve a donation from the BMU to pay costs of insurance for fireworks on July 4. All approve.

Motion Johnson, second Richter to accept the recommendation of city engineering firm Veenstra & Kimm to not approve a proposed connection to the city wastewater system by Tim McNertney. All approve.

Motion Merron, second Jaren to award a contract to purchase Lagoon Rock to Rolling Excavating. All approve.

Motion Vaske, second Johnson to approve spring burn dates. Burning will be allowed from April 13 to May 15, 2009. All approve.

Motion Merron, second Jaren to enter into closed session upon the request of city employee Brian Hatten to discuss a personnel matter at approximately 9:00 PM. Approval of closed session is approved bases on Section 21.5.i of the Iowa Code. All approve.

Following the return to open session, the council discussed the importance of updating the employee handbook although no action was taken.

Motion Vaske, second Merron to adjourn at 9:35. All approve.

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Mayor Janice Wolf

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Attest: Michael Brennan, City Administrator