

Burke City Council  
Special Meeting  
July 16, 2019

The special meeting of the Burke City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Glover at 6:01 PM in the Finance Office. Council members present were Garry Wetzler, Todd Halsne, Mark Green, Wyatt Reis, Tyler Van Metre and Vickie Dobesh. Also present was Finance Officer Mike Glover, Superintendent of Utilities Wade Broome, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Dan Andersson, Lynell Martin, David Lee Van Metre, Rev. Clay Lundberg and Rochelle Tietgen.

**Approve Agenda:**

Motion by Tyler Van Metre, second by Mark Green to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Conflict of Interest:**

None.

**Chief of Police/Deputy Position:**

The committee reported on a draft of a contract with the Gregory County Sheriff's Office that they came up with. The council was in agreement to present the contract to the County Commissioners at the next Commissioners Meeting on August 20, 2019.

Next a discussion was held about the signed dog complaints that have been received.

**Replacing Trees in City:**

Mayor Glover informed the council of the Arbor Day Foundation Grant that is available to apply for. The grant would provide the opportunity for residents to order trees to replace the ones that were lost in the storm. If the City is approved for the grant the trees would be free, but the residents would be required to plant their own trees. The City & the residents will be able to order up to a 15-gallon tree. Anyone wanting to get on the list of trees to be ordered can stop in the Finance Office.

In the spring a State Forester will come out to the City of Burke and prune trees that are on public (city) property. They will also provide information to the residents on how to properly prune your trees.

**Civic Center Future:**

Discussion was held about what to do at the Civic Center. Options discussed were to rebuild it just like it was or make it bigger. The council was in agreement that now would be the time to make it bigger if that was the direction to go. Some reason for making it bigger are to make the basketball court regulation size, add a stage, add more storage and add locker rooms. Mayor Glover informed the council that he has asked Puetz Construction to find out what it would cost to add another bay (distance between beams)

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to the south. The distance between the beams varies from 20' to 25'. The council would also like to get input from the public before making any decisions.

Mayor Glover recessed the meeting at 6:48 pm.

Mayor Glover reconvened the meeting at 7:01 pm at the Methodist Church. The following members of the public were in attendance: Dan Andersson, Lynell Martin, David Le Van Metre, Rev. Clay Lundberg, Rochelle Tietgen, Nicole Green, Nancy Geaghan, Kate Witt, Carole Witt, Lucille Teel, Twylah Ward, Travis Serr, Jody Young, Sherry Opbroek, Kathy Abraham, Sandy Wetzler, Linda Purvis, Gaile Sachtjen, Randy Sachtjen, Susie Karbo, Mistie Sachtjen, Rachelle Norberg, Bett Jeffords, Lee Jeffords, Margaret Ann Bailey, Tanya Broome, Justin Hatheway, Vern Witt, Mike Karbo, Richard Bailey and Tamra Glover.

Mayor Glover gave an update on the Civic Center. Puetz Construction from Mitchell, SD has been hired to take down the existing steel building, leaving the middle 3 beams and demoing the ceiling, flooring, kitchen base cabinets and the bottom 4' of sheet rock in the west part of the Civic Center. At this time no one has been hired to do any of the rebuild.

**Public Input:**

Gaile Sachtjen thanked the City crew for all their hard work.

**Individual Assistance for Residents/Businesses:**

Finance Officer Mike Glover informed the public of Individual/Business assistance that is available. Any individual or business can apply but nothing is guaranteed. The SD Office of Emergency Management stated it very hard to receive assistance at the individual/business level. To apply an individual or business must fill out a 2-page questionnaire and return it the Finance Office by Wednesday August 28, 2019. Questionnaires are available at tonight's meeting or in the City Finance Office.

**Public Forum:**

Next Mayor Glover open up the floor for questions from the public. Some items discussed were FEMA, replacing of bleachers at Civic Center, possibly using 3<sup>rd</sup> party adjusters, adding a stage to Civic Center gym, working with the school and the bidding process when times comes for rebuilding. Mayor Glover thanked everyone for attending and their questions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Glover declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

**ATTEST:**

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Mike Glover, Finance Officer

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Thomas Glover, Mayor