

The City of New Boston met in regular session January 14, 2015. Mayor DeFrieze called the meeting to order at 7:00pm at City Hall. Aldermen present were Ramer, Russell, Krengle, Franklin, Fourdyce, and Marston. Also in attendance were Treasurer Stineman and Police Chief M. DeFrieze. Minutes were taken by Clerk Bedford.

Krengle made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ramer. All aye votes, motion carried.

Fourdyce made the motion to approve the bills, seconded by Ramer. Roll call votes as follows: Ramer-aye, Russell-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-aye. Motion carried.

Marston made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Russell. Roll call votes as follows: Ramer-aye, Russell-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-aye. Motion carried.

M. DeFrieze reported he ordered the new lift pump with the approval of three aldermen. The cost of the pump is \$7200 with an added approximate \$600.00 installation fee. Russell made the motion to accept the order, seconded by Fourdyce. Roll call votes as follows: Russell-aye, Ramer-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-aye. Motion carried. M. DeFrieze also reported getting 54 ton of salt from Cargill for the cost of wages and fuel for hauling the salt.

Fourdyce reported finding a tree (oak) big enough to make the life size statues of Chief Blackhawk and Abraham Lincoln for the riverfront project. The City will have to pay to have the tree cut down.

Mayor DeFrieze stated the City will have a meeting open to the public to explain the Park Grant plans and how the money will be allotted. All grants that are awarded have to follow the criteria submitted by the grantee.

Bedford reported Bi-State would like to have another chance at making the New Boston website more user friendly. A discussion followed with aldermen expressing a desire to get the ball rolling on this project as it has drug out for a few years. Franklin expressed the desire to have all of the cemetery updates on the website also.

Marston made the motion to pass the 2015 Budget Ordinance, seconded by Fourdyce. Roll call votes as follows: Ramer-aye, Russell-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-aye. Motion carried.

Franklin said the Museum is awaiting an estimate for the installation of windows. The Museum will pay for the windows and the City will have to pay for installation.

Ramer made the motion to hire Cindy Marston to update the cemetery data and Kasandra DeFrieze to assist with the website and make informational presentations for the Park Grant meeting. Each would be paid \$10.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Russell. Roll call votes as follows: Ramer-aye, Russell-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-abstain. Motion carried.

After the Cemetery data has been updated and given to the engineer firm that is making the new cemetery maps, the City Clerk will assist the sexton to make sure all information is kept up to date and submitted to the engineer each year to update the map.

Ramer made the motion for the City to purchase a television and computer for presentations in the meeting room and a computer for the Mayor's desk, motion seconded by Fourdyce. Roll call votes as follows: Ramer-aye, Russell-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-aye. Motion carried.

Fourdyce made the motion to purchase a new flag pole for the Museum with a solar light on the pole. Motion seconded by Krengle. Roll call votes as follows: Ramer-aye, Russell-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-aye. Motion carried.

Russell asked when the City had started giving New Year's Eve Day off as a holiday as he has had people ask about it. Clerk Bedford gave him a copy of the holidays granted to the employees as outlined in the benefits updates from Bi-State.

Ramer asked the Council to consider giving gift cards as a thank you to some of the people who have volunteered their help with some of the projects around the city. Fourdyce made the motion to get the gift cards, seconded by Krengle. Roll call votes as follows: Ramer-aye, Russell-aye, Krengle-aye, Franklin-aye, Fourdyce-aye, and Marston-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor DeFrieze said he would give Jackson a call to see if they could either furnish the City with a bigger dumpster for recycle or empty the existing one more often.

Marston made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ramer. All aye votes, motion carried.


Karen L. Bedford, Clerk
City of New Boston