

**The Tabor City Council met in regular session on May 13, 2015 in council chambers, 626 Main St. Mayor Denise Hammer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with councilpersons Ross Silcock, Randy Wirth, Gean Clapper, Jim Switzer, and Arlene Bartholomew present. City Employees present: Mike Wake, Chief of Police; Jami Meston, City Clerk; Ted Hill, City Superintendent; Wes Hill, Assistant Superintendent; Dawn Miller, Library Director. Visitors: Lee Embree, Judy Evans, Dillon & Allison Bartholomew, Kari Bartholomew, Roger Malcom, James & Janine Edwards, Culline Freemyer, Linda Meyers, Brenda McCollum, Rhett Goy.**

April Minutes were approved on a motion by Clapper, second Bartholomew. Ayes all.

April Financial Report was approved on motion by Silcock, second Bartholomew. Ayes all.

Judy Evans presented a complaint about the fence being built by the neighbor on the west side of her house. Judy states the fence is out of compliance with the city ordinance and does not follow the lot survey. Council stated that the disagreement in relation to where the lot line is would be a civil matter. A city official measured the height of the fence prior to the council meeting. The fence measures 6'8". According to City of Tabor Zoning Ordinance 1.05 (11) Fences and Walls the ordinance reads: "Fences and walls may be up to the lot or property line. Fences and walls may extend not over six feet (6') in height above natural grade in side yards, and eight feet (8') above natural grade in rear yards, and not over three feet (3') in height above the natural grade in the front yard. See Section 1.05 (10) for corner lots". Janine Edwards presented information as to why they built the fence where they did. They were not aware that the fence was only to be 6' high on the side yard at the time they planned the project and built the fence. The question was raised as to why there was not a permit required to build the fence. As the current ordinance reads there is no building permit required for a fence.

Brenda McCollum came to the council meeting in regards to the request she received that she was not allowed to have a pit bull in the city limits. The City of Tabor Municipal Code IV-1-7 (1) & (2) reads as follows:

1. Dangerous Animals Prohibited. No person shall keep, shelter, or harbor for any purpose within the city limits, a dangerous animal.
2. Definitions. A dangerous animal is:
  - a. Any animal which is not naturally tame or gentle, and which is of a wild nature or disposition, and which is capable of killing, inflicting serious injury upon, or causing disease among human beings or domestic animals, and having known tendencies as a species to do so.
  - b. The following animals which shall be deemed to be dangerous animals per se:
    - (1) Lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars, lynx and bobcats;
    - (2) Wolves, coyotes, and foxes;
    - (3) Badgers, wolverines, weasels, skunks and mink;
    - (4) Raccoons;
    - (5) Bears;
    - (6) Monkeys, chimpanzees, and apes;
    - (7) Alligators and crocodiles;
    - (8) Scorpions; gila monsters;
    - (9) Snakes that are venomous or constrictors;
    - (10) Pit bulls meaning any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of any one or more of the above breeds (more so than any other breed), or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics which substantially conform to the standards established by the American Kennel Club or United Kennel Club for any of the above breeds.
    - (11) Any cross breed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified above.
  - c. Any animals declared to be dangerous by the City Council

Council is looking at other options in relation to the dangerous animal section of the municipal code.

Dillon & Allison Bartholomew present a request for a 3-way stop at the intersection of Park and South streets due to people driving too fast coming in and out of town. Mike Wake requested stop signs be placed north and south bound on Park Street at the South Street intersection and a stop sign to be placed south bound at the intersection of Center Street and South Street.

Linda Meyers complained about people driving too fast going north bound on Hwy 275 exiting Tabor and inquired about a change in speed zone. The State of Iowa DOT regulates the speed on Hwy 275.

Kari Bartholomew came with a complaint to council in regards to an abundance of stray cats. The city is currently working on a plan for this issue.

Roger Malcom inquired about funds to help replace flags at the cemetery. Approximate pricing for a flag and pole is \$115.00 each. Donations for the Avenue of Flags can be made to the Tabor Memorial Flag Fund at the First State Bank.

Dawn Miller spoke in regards to any options there might be for a ramp or wedge to be placed at the door of the library to allow patrons to get a motorized cart into the library.

Council discussed the request for the Farmers' Market to be held in the city park. With consultation from the cities insurance company it was approved on a motion by Wirth, second by Silcock to allow the use of the city park for the Farmers' Market with the sponsoring organization providing proof of insurance coverage and listing the city as Additional Insured. Ayes all.

Rhett Goy from Nishna Insurance presented the insurance package for the next year. Total premium \$42,716.50.

Council approved Casey's Cigarette License renewal on a motion by Silcock, second Wirth. Ayes all.

Council approved Tabor Grocery's Cigarette License renewal on a motion by Silcock, second Wirth. Ayes all.

Council approved the Liquor License renewal for The Dog House on a motion by Silcock, second Wirth. Ayes all.

Property cleanup was discussed.

This being the time and place published and posted for the public hearing regarding the Budget Amendment & Certification Resolution R-6-15 for Fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 9:55 p.m. No one from public present, no questions or comments. Mayor Hammer closed the public hearing at 10:00 p.m. With no comments for or against the Budget Amendment it was approved and adopted on a motion by Silcock, second by Bartholomew. Roll call vote ayes: Jim Switzer, Gean Clapper, Randy Wirth, Ross Silcock, Arlene Bartholomew. The budget amendment will be certified to the auditor as required by law.

This being the time and place published and posted for the public hearing regarding the Tabor Water System Improvement Project. The Mayor opened the public hearing at 10:00 p.m. No one from the public present, no questions or comments. Mayor Hammer closed the public hearing at 10:05 p.m. With no comments for or against the Water Improvement Project it was approved on a motion by Clapper, second Silcock. Roll call vote ayes: Jim Switzer, Gean Clapper, Randy Wirth, Ross Silcock, Arlene Bartholomew.

The purchase of lots was discussed and tabled until next month.

**The following bills were allowed: April bills 2015**

Allianz-Annuity May	116.66	Agrivision-Supplies	84.07
Alexis Fire Equipment-Fire equipment	3167.36	ACCO-chemicals	413.00
Bateman Service-Amb and tractor service/repair	1469.88	Beacon-publishing	321.57
CB Water Works-testing water main break	450.00	CB Water Works-testing	100.00
Delevan Auto-maintenance supplies (Apr)	279.15	Delevan Auto-maint supplies (Mar)	47.94
Electronic Engineering-pager repair/replace	124.95	Electronic Engineering-pagers	2614.00
EMP-Ambulance supplies	1615.75	Farm Supply-maint supplies	104.31
FREDCO-Annual contribution	1500.00	Farm Supply-Fire supplies	74.90
Glenwood Volunteer Fire-Paramedic tier	90.00	Hach Company-chemicals	44.09
Wes Hill-deductible	4344.82	Ted Hill-deductible	288.11
IA Dot-traffic paint	103.11	IWCC-EMS Continuing Ed	15.00
IA DNR-Review fee	505.10	Max Johnson-deposit refund	12.13
JEO-consulting fees	8380.00	Michael Kirsch-CPR recertification	450.00
Keystone Lab-testing	46.80	Keystone Lab-testing	33.00
Matheson Trigas-oxygen	58.84	Mills County Engineer-utility permit	100.00
Menards-supplies, paint	318.72	Million Dollar Lawns-Park & Cemetery fertilization	2423.60
Shepherd Construction-backhoe	1000.00	Petty cash-publishing, postage	140.48
Richardson Sanitation-recycling/hauling	366.00	State Farm-Ambulance payment return	131.03
UPS-shipping	28.52	Caitlyn Wiegel-deposit return	26.81
Woods & Wyatt-Atty fees	2792.22	Agrivision-Supplies fire	32.31
VISA-office supplies, uniforms, training	2052.22	Black Hills Energy-April	268.40
Chat Mobility-phones	263.36	EMS Billing-Ambulance billing April	3550.31
EMS Billing-Ambulance billing March	4789.73	Mid American Energy-power	2036.65
Iowa Finance Authority-SRF (sewer loan payment)	66007.50	Spiral Communications-Library internet	10.00
Windstream-phone	288.64	WEX-fuel April	1351.66
Wellmark Ins-medical insurance	4734.80	Fremont Cty Landfill-monthly fee	1094.11
Firefighter Revolving Loan	4150.00		

**Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.**

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**City Clerk, Jami Meston**

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**Mayor, Denise Hammer**