

The Terry Town Council met in special session for the purpose of voting on the adoption of Resolution # 2014-424, a Resolution of Intention to increase the sewer rates and completing the First Readings of Ordinance # 2014-03 Establishing a Program to Charge Mitigation Rates, Ordinance # 2014-04 Prohibiting Open Burning within Town Limits, and Ordinance # 2014-05 Repealing the earlier Truck Route Ordinance and Adopting a Truck Route. The following persons were in attendance: Council members Cindy Bond, Caryn Rein, and Ken Lacquement, Clerk Lynn Schilling, Don Haver, Scott Carlton, Scott Christofferson, Larry Christofferson, Margie Brubaker, Robert Brubaker, John Pisk, Emilia Pisk, Renee Pirtz, Marshall Pirtz, Megan Pirtz, Larry Bond, Dan Rice, Sheriff Duncan Hedges (Prairie County), and Matt Payne. Mayor Rolane Christofferson presided over the meeting.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson asked if anyone had public comment. The following comments were made:

John Pisk stated that he is concerned about some of the rates that are listed such as the ones concerning hazardous material removal as the Terry Volunteer Fire Department is not equipped to perform that work.

Scott Carlton stated that he feels it is a “dichotomous law” based on a question if you are a resident or not. People are paying taxes somewhere. We do not have a fire department. We have a volunteer fire department. We do not have to pay wages, we do not have hazmat, we do not have a CERT team. Any law that is built solely for the purpose of generating revenue is no law. We have taxes for that.

Matt Payne stated that 466 other departments across the country have implemented a similar program.

An informal dialogue between members of the public occurred.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson read the proposed Resolution # 2014-424 regarding intent to increase the sewer rates. Council passed a motion to adopt Resolution # 2014-424. (Bond/Lacquement)

Council completed the first reading of Ordinance # 2014-03, Establishing a Program for Mitigation Rates. (Lacquement/Bond)

Council completed the first reading of Ordinance # 2014-04, Prohibiting Open Burning within the Town Limits. (Rein/Bond) Marshall Pirtz inquired why the council felt the ordinance was necessary. Mayor Rolane Christofferson discussed some of the concerns and issues that have been raised, mainly concerning fire safety. Also, people no longer need to burn yard debris as we have a landfill where they can dispose of yard waste for free.

Council completed the first reading of Ordinance # 2014-05, Repealing Ordinance # 10.04.060-2013 and Designating Truck Routes in Terry. (Lacquement/Bond) Marshall Pirtz asked if he would be able to drive truck to and from an existing business not located along a truck route—Council responded that he could, would just need to take the most direct route to and from his business to the designated truck route. Scott Carlton asked for clarification of the truck route, and expressed concern over trucks driving in the alleys over the sewer mains.

Mayor Rolane Christofferson asked if there were any more public comment. Margie Brubaker asked what the procedures are for potholes. Mayor Rolane Christofferson said residents can certainly tell the Public Works employees or call Town Hall to report on potholes.

Having no further comment, questions, or public input the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm. (Lacquement/Bond)

ATTEST:

Lynn Schilling, Clerk

Rolane Christofferson, Mayor