

**City of Ellendale**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**

**Agenda**

**7:00 Call Meeting to Order**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approve Agenda

**7:05 Consent Agenda Items:** *If there is any item on the consent agenda that a council member feels it needs further discussion, please ask for it to be removed and placed on the agenda.*

1. Accounts Payable/Claims
2. Minutes
  - January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Council Meeting Minutes
  - January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 Special Council Interview Meeting Minutes
3. Resolutions
  - 2025-8: Accepting a Donation of Money from the Ellendale Joint Ambulance Service for a Clothing Stipend for Emergency Responders for Fourth Quarter 2024
4. Financials

**7:10 Steele Conty Public Health Presentation- Ethan Rindfleisch**

**7:25 Public Comment:** *Those wishing to speak must state their name and address for the record. Each person will have three (3) minutes to make his/her remarks. Speakers will address all comments to the City Council as a whole and not any individual Council Member. The Council may not act on an item presented during the Public Comment period unless the item is already on the agenda for action. When appropriate, the Council may refer inquiries and items brought up during the Public Comment period to the City Clerk-Treasurer for follow-up.*

**7:40 Radio Link**

- Tower Agreement-Daniel Petsinger

**7:55 Reports**

1. Fire Department
  - Fire Hall Committee - *APX MEP drawing & bidding update*
  - Expenses
2. Maintenance
  - Partial Collapsed Line on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue – *Otto to gather quotes. No response from other contractors*
  - Water meter replacements-quote
  - Expenses
3. Ellendale Community Foundation Committee
  - Taylor Farms Grant Fund update
4. Ellendale Days Committee
  - Banner Quote

5. Steele Heights

- Update – *Rescinded 2024 deferred loan award. Moving ahead with 2021 deferred loan award. Construction to start this spring.*

6. Codification

• Updates

- 199 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue East – *Update No change or progress noted. Waiting for response from owners on cleanup plan.*
- Radel Court-Sections 92.18, 92.19 violations. *Nuisance abated. Close.*

• Notice of Violation/Warning Administrative Citation

- 601 Lageson Court – *Conditional Use Permit Violation Letter and Documentation sent to Metronet in Owatonna. On hold pending Metronet response.*

• Administrative Citation

- 109 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East; 408 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue West: *No response to letter. Motion was approved at 12/12/24 meeting to turn over to City Attorney for further action if no response by 2/13/25 meeting.*

7. Clerk

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**8:25 Unfinished Business**

1. Street-Road Improvements

- Street Maps of Conditions- see separate colored map handout
- 2025 Streets to be repaired- *Ulland Bros. looking at street conditions*
- Quotes Ulland Bros. *to give quote to Josh.*

2. Tax Abatement Policy 1.01

- Review and vote on policy changes

3. Policy 9.0: City Council Rules for Procedure

- Review and vote

4. Section 152.219: Telecommunications Towers and Antennae

- Discussion – Reasons raised of amendment- any issues with ordinance
- Resolution 2025-7 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 152 Relating to Radio and Television Broadcasting Stations or Towers. Any changes if this can proceed to public hearing?
- Set workshop if needed.
- Engel corrections to statements made at the last meeting. The draft ordinance only needs to be posted for 10 days, not 30. There is a public hearing required for all land zoning ordinances.
- Set Public Hearing date to hear proposed changes- Resolution 2025-7: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 152 of the Ellendale City Code Relating to Radio or Television Broadcasting Stations or Towers

5. Signatures on Capital Restricted Improvement Fund, Economic Development Authority Fund, Fire Department Fund and General Fund through Keen Bank

- Add Mayor Scott Groth and Acting Mayor Scott Swanson – *review and vote*

### **8:50 Business**

1. Resolutions
  - 2025-9 A Resolution Delegating Registration Responsibility for Cannabis Licensing to Steele County
  - 2025-10 A Resolution Adding Ordinance Section 152.230 Regulation of Cannabis Businesses Draft
    - Discussion of proposed new ordinance 152.230 Regulation of Cannabis Businesses
    - Set Public Hearing
2. Water Fund CD Maturity- new rates and terms
3. Bank Authorization Signatures Mayor and Acting Mayor.
  - Vote to approve Mayor Groth and Acting Mayor Swanson to be added to bank authorization signatures.
4. Meeting Room Table Quote
  - MityLite Estimate- Mayor Groth

### **9:10 Mayor/Council Updates**

1. Mayor Groth
2. Council Member Asplund
3. Council Member Meyer
4. Council Member Swanson
5. Council Member Berg

### **9:20 pm Adjournment**

# MINUTES OF ELLENDALE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

**Present:** Mayor Scott Groth; Council Members; Joel Meyer, Scott Swanson, Charles Berg, City Clerk/Treasurer Steve Engel

**Absent:** Jon Asplund

**Visitors:** Fire Chief Logan Busho; City residents: Connie Meyer, Cynthia Nelson, Laura Krenke, Amy Berg, Brian Anderson, Jim Crosby, Allie Larson, Jo Lerberg; property owner Daniel Petsinger; Star Eagle Reporter Deb Bentley, Steele County Times Reporter Kay Fate, and Steele County Health Director Ethan Rindfleisch

**Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Groth.

**Agenda:** Mayor Groth asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Engel had two items; a water meter quote and street sweeping agreement to add under the Clerk's items. Motion to approve the revised Agenda by Council member Berg. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Voice vote taken: All in favor, Motion approved.

## **Consent Agenda Items**

A motion was made by Council Member Berg to approve the Consent Agenda Items, which included Accounts Payable/Claims in the amount of \$38,700.34. Council meeting minutes for January 9, 2025, and Special Council Interview meeting minutes for January 21, 2025: Resolution 2025-8 Accepting Donation of Money from the Ellendale Ambulance Service and the monthly financial report. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Voice vote taken all in favor. Motion approved.

1. **Steele County Health presentation Ethan Rindfleisch** Ethan explained his purpose was to get a perspective on the overall county health needs, to help in the next 5-year health development plans. He would like to seek out information from the City Council and community members present, as to what they saw as the needs of the Ellendale community in regard to health; concerns, community strengths & needs, access to services, the needs of the elderly population and their accessibility to health services, and what the various organizations can do to assist others within our community. There was very good participation by the council and community members. This discussion may help in establishing community efforts to assist our own community members with health needs.

## **Public Comment:**

- Resident James Crosby brought attention to the many people who serve our city in various ways, adding a positive outlook to the city. He wanted to recognize the various individuals, groups, service personnel and organizations who put in time and effort to the city's welfare. He challenged all present to look at what they can do to be more positive in their interactions with their neighbors.
- Resident Connie Meyer reiterated the issue and concern of surveillance cameras owned by other property owners, intruding on other's property. She asks why is it necessary that another property owner feels the need to have cameras mounted at a position that can observe areas of her property that she feels is unnecessary and is an invasion of privacy. Why would someone have cameras viewing other residents' property and not just their own property? There have been pictures of her property posted publicly that she feels are not necessary.

## **Radio Link**

- Tower Agreement; Mr. Daniel Petsinger discussed his desire for the City Council to review the current 5-year tower agreement between Radio Link and the City, allowing him to place his internet equipment within the city water tower. He inquired as to why the city decided to discontinue the agreement. He has been on the tower for at least a decade and is not aware of any reason why the city would not renew the contract as is; a 5 year contract. Mayor Groth reminded him that the council voted in November to discontinue any contracts moving forward. It was brought to our attention from the water tower maintenance people that it would be best not to

have things like that up there. Mr. Petsinger asked if that was the full reason why they were not renewing his agreement. Mayor Groth stated yes, that was their recommendation. Mr. Petsinger asked if they were aware that when the water tower went in, the original council passed a resolution saying communications shall be allowed up on that water tower? Mayor Groth replied, at that time that maybe they did. Petsinger stated it has never been rescinded. Has it been rescinded? I have not found any meeting where it has been rescinded. I'm asking to, under the circumstances, why I can't continue to operate his business because it sure looks to me like the City of Ellendale has an EDA program trying to bring business to town. Why would you want to terminate a business that's already here and try to stifle competition that is already giving better services to the area than by the competition? Mayor Groth- The EDA does promote business. If there's another place you could put it, that would be fine. At the time that was our decision. Petsinger asked if the council would reconsider after the information he had given them. Mayor Groth stated we can take it under advisement. We aren't going to make any decision now. Petsinger is not looking for a decision tonight. If he has to construct another facility of some sort whether it's in the city limits or not, it's not something that can be constructed overnight. It can take 6 months and up to a year to complete. He would still be asking for an extension until it is completed. If you don't want to renew the agreement. There is a value for his services. Council Member Berg asked Petsinger if he wanted the agreement to be what he had. Petsinger stated yes, he was proposing to renew the 5-year agreement he had. Berg asked what he has on the tower. Petsinger says he has microwave wireless equipment that is also FCC licensed to bring broadband into the city. He does have customers in the city. This service, along with other sites, supplies about 700 subscribers. Berg asked about the electricity use. Petsinger stated this site uses about \$12.00/month based on other similar sites he has with meters. Berg commented that the city is providing electricity and battery backup (a generator for the water site), and the use of our tower. We had an issue that I assume is why they recommend not putting anything on it except for public safety equipment, because they had to power wash, and the equipment was making it difficult to do the job. Petsinger stated his equipment is not what caused the problem. He has a video where the OSHA requirements were not followed the proper way. This is first time there has been an incident in over a decade with our equipment causing a problem. Council Member Berg asked about the Telecommunication Act of 1996 section 224 that Petsinger referred to at an earlier meeting. He cannot see how 224 has to do with the tower as it is not in the ROW. Petsinger: we are missing the statements that says this includes public facilities which includes government buildings, which includes water towers, and such. They have that for the wireless communication industry. It includes any governmental building. It's not limited to public ROWs. IT's any governmentally owned facilities. Being I am already up there, the rules change. If I was coming in new, you would be correct, but I am not a new entity. I am already established with service for over a decade on there and already have licenses for the equipment up there. That is where the Telecommunications Act of 1996. We already have other court cases in other states, using this particular federal statute that does apply to water towers. All I'm asking for is to come to some agreement, I don't want to fight about this, to be on the tower to provide my service to Ellendale and other rural areas. Mayor Groth mentioned that the agreement states either party can discontinue the agreement. Petsinger agreed it does say that however, it comes back to if you discontinue it for any reason other than removing the water tower because it's out of date, like when you moved the water tower from one place to another, then the telecommunications act of 1996 would come into play at that point. Because there's not a justifiable public opinion reason for you to remove me from the water tower. That's where these other pieces, there's more to it than what I've just given you. What I've given you, is a way to start looking at some of the other telecommunication rules, and there's a lot of them. I've just given you a few of them just to help you out to look at. I would love to put more equipment up there to improve the service but why should I invest \$30-40k if I have to move to another location? If it's a money thing or power thing we can take a look at that. I am open to discussing it. Right now, I have 8 years left on the license for the equipment on the tower. I would have to apply for a new license if I moved. Mayor Groth stated we will take this into consideration at another time. Council member Swanson inquired about how many customers Radio Link has in Ellendale. Mr. Petsinger estimated it a 10-15.

## Reports

### 1. Fire Department

- Fire Hall Committee: Fire Chief Logan Busho Chief Busho APX has sent out requests for bids. He will contact Mitch Rohlfing to get a status update on where the bidding process is at. Council member Meyer asked that we push this to get things moving as it is going to take us another 2-3 months before we can get

the building project started. Chief Busho will reiterate the urgency to get this going. He also reminded the council that we would be receiving another bill from APX for the drawing updating and their time for the bidding process. We may plan a special meeting to review and accept the bids if needed.

- Ice Rescue Training. Logan informed the council of upcoming ice rescue training the EFD will be involved with on Beaver Lake. They would like to purchase a fill connector for the air raft. The cost is about \$300.00. Motion by Mayor Groth to purchase the connector. Motion advanced by Council member Berg. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.
- Appreciation Supper. Chief Busho reminded the council to please attend the appreciation supper next Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Community Hall. This is for the city council, city employees and all township board members from townships the EFD provides fires service for. This is not a meeting of any board or council. No business will be discussed. He reminded everyone of the two upcoming fish fry suppers on March 7<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Tanker: The new poly tanker Chief Busho updated the council on the progress by OSCO. They are working on the tank and equipment but have not given us a date for us to deliver the truck chassis to them for fitting.
- Fire Code Violation Report Chief Busho has completed the violation report for the hut at 601 Lageson Court. He noted one violation regarding an LP tank and the proximity to the hut. The owner will have 90 days to correct the problem.

## 2. Maintenance

- Partial Collapsed Line on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Josh did not receive any other quotes for the two sewer line repairs. The Olson excavating for \$2,500.00 each for the two sewer lines that need repair. A written quote was not obtained from Olson only verbal. This does not include the asphalt repair. He stated it is hard to get a dollar amount as it is unknown how much road service will be torn up. Motion to have Olson Excavating do the digging and pipe repair for \$5,000 total for two repairs was made by Council member Meyer. Motion advanced by Council member Swanson. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.
- Asphalt Cutting Saw Josh asked the council for approval to purchase an asphalt cutting saw for \$1249.00 from Raleigh's Hardware. They were \$50.00 cheaper than Harbor Freight. Council member Swanson inquired about the need for the saw. Council member Meyer asked about renting a saw vs purchasing a saw. Josh explained that we have several areas to cut each year. Renting a saw would end up costing us more in the long term vs having our own. Council member Swanson asked what the cost is to hire someone to do the cutting. Josh said it is about \$300.00 per hole, depending on the area. Motion to purchase the saw for \$1,249.00 was made by Council member Meyer. Motion advanced by Council member Swanson. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.
- Bench Top Drill Press Josh asked the council for approval to purchase a bench top drill press for \$300.00. Motion to purchase the drill press was made by Mayor Groth. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Voice vote. All in favor. Motion approved.
- V plow for pickup truck Josh reminded the council that the current v plow was purchased for the older ½ ton pickup truck. It would be a good idea to look at trading it in for a new one while this one still is in good shape and has a good trade in value. Council member Swanson

asked Josh to create an equipment list with pertinent information so we can plan for purchases and create a rotation plan for equipment.

3. Ellendale Community Foundation Committee

- Taylor Farms Grant Fund update; Allie Larson informed the council that we have received a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Taylor Farms Grant Fund. This is a matching funds grant. The committee wants to purchase 4 AEDs for the community churches and the city community hall. The total cost is between \$5500 and \$5900. The 3 churches are committing \$500 each. They are seeking donations from the public and asking the city to contribute also. Each church will be responsible for the maintenance of the units. Since the one unit will be placed in the community hall for the public's use, Mayor Groth made a motion to put \$1500 from the city to purchase the AEDs. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.

4. Ellendale Days Committee

- Banner Quote Mayor Groth obtained quotes for banners. Two options were available. Option One is \$884.00 Option Two is \$599.00. Motion to purchase the Option Two banner for \$599.00 was made by Council member Swanson. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.
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5. Steele Heights Engel reported that we rescinded the 2024 deferred loan award for \$168,000 due to increased costs for prevailing wage requirements. Darrin Stadheim is planning to break ground in April.

6. Codification

- Updates
  - 199 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue East – Engel reminded the council that this property was taken off the active list as there has been progress. The owner was not asked about this property in the letter sent.
  - Radel Court-Sections 92.18, 92.19 violations. Issue has been abated. Remove from list.
- Notice of Violation/Warning Administrative Citation
  - 601 Lageson Court – City Attorney Mark Rahrck is waiting for a response from Metronet. On hold pending Metronet response.
- Administrative Citation
  - 109 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East; 408 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue West: Engel informed the council there has been no response from the property owners. The council previously voted to turn this over to the city attorney. He asked if the council wanted our attorney to communicate with the owners or proceed with obtaining a warrant to abate the issues. Motion to have City Attorney Mark Rahrck seek an abatement order for these two properties was made by Council member Meyer. Council member Berg advanced the motion. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion passed. Engel will inform City Attorney Rahrck of the decision.

7. Clerk

- Reminder 2025 Board of Appeals Meeting. Steele County Assessor's office has set the board of appeals and equalization Open Book meeting time for April 9, 2025, at 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at the City of Blooming Prairie City Hall.
- Ferguson Water Meter Quote Engel informed the council that we have 40-50 original meters still in use. They are 17 years old with a 20-year warranty period that locks in a lower purchase price for replacements. The meter and meter base must be purchased as one unit now. The cost is \$300.00/unit. He would like to purchase 15 now at a cost of \$4500.00. We have 3 years to purchase the balance of 40-50, under the reduced warranty pricing. We will purchase the remaining numbers over the next 3 years to keep the annual expenditure down. Going forward, we can also purchase rebuild kits for the bases vs having to buy the complete kit of base and meter. The rebuild kits are \$40.00. We can purchase them at a later date. These come out of the water fund. Motion to purchase 15 meters was made by Council member Meyer. Motion advanced by Council member Berg. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.
- Wigham Street Sweeper Agreement Engel received the annual agreement for street sweeping with Wigham Trucking. This was approved and budgeted for last year for up to \$2,000.00. This year's agreement is \$1,895.00. Motion to approve the agreement was made by Mayor Groth. Motion advanced by Council member Swanson. Voice vote; all in favor. Motion approved.

## **Unfinished Business**

### 1. Street-Road Improvements

- Street Maps of Conditions – see separate colored map packet.
- 2025 Streets to be repaired- Josh has asked Matt Carlson, Ulland Bros. to look at the streets needing work and to give him a quote for the work needed. Josh received the quote today. It was sent as an added packet. Matt Carlson quoted several different street options with cost breakdowns for each street or option. The council would like to schedule a meeting with Matt to better understand the options and costs. Josh Otto will contact Matt to get his availability and set up a meeting.

### 2. Tax Abatement Policy 1.01

- Review and vote Engel explained the edits to the policy to make applicable to actual abatement process relating to the county assessor's office. The policy/program will expire on April 15<sup>th</sup> as far as accepting applications. A public meeting to review applications can be held before the May 8<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The council can then vote on the applications to be approved at that council meeting. Based on the original policy language, approved applicants will have one year from the date of approval to complete their projects. Motion by Council member Berg to approve the Tax Abatement Policy 1.01 was made. Motion advanced by Council member Swanson. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.

### 3. Policy 9.0 City Council Rules of Procedure

- Review and vote.
- Motion by Council member Meyer to approve the Policy 9.0 City Council Rules for Procedure was made. Motion advanced by Mayor Groth. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.

### 4. Section 152.219: Telecommunications Towers and Antennae

- Discussion – Reasons raised for amendment- any issues with ordinance. Engel stated this is your public discussion period. You could schedule a workshop if you want to make changes.



- Council member Meyer added that he thought this ordinance resolution clears up the concerns of having other antennas, ham radios, etc., allowed in the areas with other changes. This change would keep commercial cellular towers and other towers out of these residential districts. Council member Swanson commented about issues he read described as “Not in my backyard.” It brought concerns about safety with people climbing the towers, insurance issues along with other concerns for the people. I think there are other ways to get coverage (other communications options) other than these being place in these residential areas. I am in agreement with the ordinance draft. Mayor Groth asked if we need to post it. Engel said it has been posted for 10 days but it will stay up. The council can set the public hearing. The public hearing allows more time for the public’s input. Engel added corrections to statements made at the last meeting. The draft ordinance only needs to be posted for 10 days, not 30. There is a public hearing required for all land zoning ordinances. The council decided to move ahead with the original draft with no changes and set a public hearing date. A motion was made to set the public hearing date for March 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm, to hear comments on Resolution 2025-7, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 152 of the Ellendale City Code Relating to Radio or Television Broadcasting Stations or Towers, by Council member Meyer. Motion advanced by Council member Berg. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion approved.

5. Signatures on Capital Restricted Improvement Fund, Economic Development Authority Fund, Fire Department Fund, Sewer Savings, Fire Savings and General Fund through Keen Bank; Removing Matthew Bartsch from all accounts.

6.

- Add Mayor Scott Groth and Acting Mayor Scott Swanson – Engel explained that the new Mayor and Acting Mayor need to be added to all City bank fund accounts as listed, as authorized signers for endorsing city checks and transfers as needed and Matthew Bartsch needs to be removed. Motion by Council member Meyer to approve Mayor Groth and Acting Mayor Swanson as authorized signers of all city funds and accounts at Keen Bank and removing Matt Bartsch. Motion advanced by Council member Berg. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved. Mayor Groth and Acting Mayor Groth Swanson will need to go to the Ellendale Keen Bank to sign the authorization cards to be on the accounts.

**New Business**

1. Resolutions

- 2025-9 A Resolution Delegating Registration Responsibility for Cannabis Licensing to Steele County. Engel explained this resolution is giving the licensing authority and duties to Steele County to administrate. Motion by Council member Swanson approve Resolution 2025-9 A Resolution Delegating Registration Responsibility for Cannabis Licensing to Steele County. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.
- 2025-10 A Resolution Adding Ordinance Section 152.230 Regulation of Cannabis Businesses Draft
  - Discussion of proposed new ordinance 152.230 Regulation of Cannabis Businesses. Council member Swanson inquired about setting the setbacks, can they be changed? Engel said yes and explained the process of public discussion, posting the draft ordinance for 10 days. Approving the posting for holding a public hearing and then voting on the ordinance. Council member Berg commented on the comments brought up at the LMC seminar. The ordinance setback restrictions do regulate the locations very well. Council member Swanson expressed

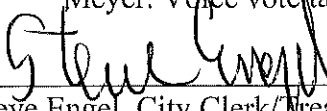
concerns about the proximity to day care facilities. It was added by Kay Fate that the county will only issue 2 licenses so the likely hood of a business in Ellendale is minimal. The council agreed that the draft ordinance does meet our needs. It limits the districts that this business can be placed.

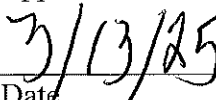
- Motion to post the draft and set the Public Hearing for 6:45 pm, March 13, 2025, was made by Mayor Groth. Motion advanced by Council member Berg. Voice vote: all in favor. Motion approved.
2. Water Fund CD Maturity- new rates and terms/ Engel proposed the 7-month term at 4.05% Motion to select the 7-month term at 4.05% was made by Council member Berg. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.
  3. Meeting Room Table Quote
    - MityLite Estimate- Mayor Groth presented a meeting table option that is curved to accommodate the council more appropriately during meetings. Two sections should be sufficient to accommodate 5 members. Motion to purchase the tables at a cost of \$1,403.64 was made Council member Berg. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Roll call vote: Council members: Meyer-Aye; Berg-Aye; Swanson-Aye; Mayor Groth-Aye. Motion approved.

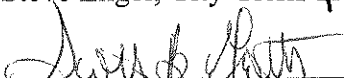
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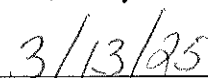
1. Mayor Groth Mayor Groth's letter to the UP railroad is included in the packet for review.
2. Council Member Asplund absent
3. Council Member Meyer Commented about the incidents that took place the days of January 18-23. He would like to have a visit by Sheriff Thiele to discuss the actions of the deputies responding those days. Engel will talk to Sheriff Theile about coming to a council meeting or setting up a special council meeting with him.
4. Council Member Swanson Scott added that the LMC training was extremely helpful and informative. They addressed a lot of the procedures and city operations. A very good seminar and glad he attended,
5. Council Member Berg expressed his condolences to Jon Asplund and his family, on the death of his sister.

Motion by Council member Berg to adjourn the meeting. Motion advanced by Council member Meyer. Voice vote taken all in favor. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

  
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Steve Engel, City Clerk/Treasurer

  
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Scott Groth, Mayor

  
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The Minutes are a true and exact copy of the Minutes as they appear in the City of Ellendale Minutes Book.