

**CITY OF BRODHEAD COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 5, 2015**

**Present:** Mayor Pinnow, Alderman Nyman, Bernstein, Rosheisen and Hale. City Clerk Withee and City Attorney Mark Schroeder.

**Absent:** Alderman Fox and Anderson

Mayor Pinnow called meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call vote shows all Aldermen present except Fox and Anderson.

**Fire District:** Ron Schwartzlow, Brodhead Fire District President, addressed the City Council to request that the City of Brodhead be the fiscal agent in the purchase of a fire truck. He stated the district is unable to obtain at the lower municipal rate. The contract to purchase the fire truck was signed by the district on September 29, 2015 and they have 14 business days to secure a loan for the purchase. There will be a small interest penalty each day beyond the 14 days. Delivery of the new truck will be August 2016. The district at this time holds no debt and they have roughly \$200,000 set aside for a down payment on the truck. They are asking the City of Brodhead to secure a loan for up to \$320,000. Mayor Pinnow asked if there are any legal ramifications. Attorney Schroeder stated all municipalities must approve the borrowing by the district for the purchase and this could be problematic because it may impact levy limits. We have very limited ability to increase our levy limit. Mayor Pinnow asked if the cleanest way would be that city purchase as conduit. Attorney Schroeder stated that it would be safest for all parties involved to be in a legal agreement but this will take longer. Attorney Schroeder stated he is still concerned with the impact on the city levy limit. Ron Schwartzlow stated that the truck payment has already been included in the district budget. Attorney Schroeder stated that the Fire District will need to reduce expenses as to not impact the other municipalities. Clerk Withee questioned who will be responsible for the legal fees incurred to draw up an agreement between the Fire District, the City and the Towns. Deb Fox entered the meeting at 6:20 pm Mayor Pinnow updated Fox. Mayor Pinnow asked if would it be more prudent to have all of the other municipalizes sign for the debt. This way all members are liable for the debt. Attorney Schroeder stated the concern is if the Fire District does not make a payment or if the Fire District is dissolved that they should all have it in writing to make sure the City is protected. Fox asked if there is any way to retro fit trucks to get them up to standard. Ron Schwartzlow stated that it is possible and it would comply with NFPA, he was told by the members of the department that the equipment on the truck is wearing out. Fox asked if we have budget information yet. Clerk Withee stated budget numbers have not been completed. Fox wanted to know what the urgency was to have the contract signed by September 29<sup>th</sup>. Ron Schwartzlow stated that Pierce Manufacturing is looking at a record year and are giving incentives so they can have a record breaking year. He thought they were getting approximately \$15,000 in discounts from Pierce but was unsure of the exact amount. He stated that they are putting a new high pressure system on this truck that may require extra training. Fox asked how much more this feature will cost. Ron stated that the high pressure system is an additional \$40,000 item added to truck. Mayor Pinnow asked Clerk Withee if Ehlers, the cities debt service advises, said no. Clerk Withee stated they did not say no but added that this does not factor in the cities overall budget and the quote from Ehlers was for a ten year note not the five years that the district is requesting. Motion by Nyman for the city to obtain a loan up to \$320,000 to purchase a fire truck as specified by the district, and for the truck title to be transferred by the city to the district. The borrowing is contingent upon an agreement being entered into with the city being repaid by the district and guaranteed by all municipalities serviced by the district. Second by Hale. Five ayes. Motion carried. Clerk Withee again asked who will be responsible for the legal fees. Attorney Schroeder stated a resolution and agreement would need to be drafted possibly under 1,000. Will include specs of the truck and amount of the total amount borrowed. Motion by Fox that Fire District assume the cost of the agreement and other cost related. Second by Nyman. Five ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Bernstein. Second by Nyman. Five ayes. Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Douglas A. Pinnow, Mayor Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2015.