

City of Medora  
Minutes of Special Meeting  
June 26, 2017  
(Subject to Council Review and Approval)

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mayor Todd Corneil. Present were Councilmen Denis Joyce, Ben Brannum, and Kinley Slauter. City Engineer, Mike Njos, was also present.

The first item of business was to discuss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. City Fire Chief, Doug Koester, recommends to deny fireworks inside city limits. He would still like to have public fireworks unless severe wind conditions exist that evening. The public shows would be out of city limits on the west side of the river by the Family Fun Center. County Fire Chief, Kyle Shockley, stated that if fireworks are banned in the city, there's a good chance private fireworks will be banned in the county as well. The county will make a decision by Friday. Koester would like the city to be pro-active and make a decision today, so the word can get out to tourists who are coming to town for the holiday weekend. Joyce would like signs to be posted at all entrances into town. Corneil added that surrounding towns have already made the decision to ban fireworks this year. John Tczap joined the meeting at 1:10 p.m. Koester stated that Cody Bridger has agreed to move his public display to the same site as the TRMF show and is working with the county to get a permit. They plan to have 5 or 6 fire units on site. Brannum made the motion to deny all fireworks in city limits. Second by Slauter. Discussion—the public displays will be in county jurisdiction. Motion passed unanimously. Steffen and Slauter will take care of signage and public notices.

The next item of business was the evaluation of the city lagoons. Njos has worked with APEX to get estimates for capacity testing on the city lagoons. Njos recommends the \$19,864 estimate that would provide hydraulic capacity and BOD testing for summer capacity. Winter testing would be a separate quote. Tczap stated the city has been trying to get these answers for years. This is needed for the entire city, not just the TRMF Bunkhouse/housing project. He wants a clear answer regarding what the lagoon can handle. There was discussion regarding how the lagoons are operated differently now than they were 4 years ago and in the future testing may have to be done again if operations change. There was also discussion if the expense of this testing should be part of the development agreement. It was the consensus of the Council that this is information the city needs and they should pay for the testing. Njos recommends that down the road, TRMF should pay for site specific engineering fees. Njos stated the testing would be done on a peak weekend adding that pump records will show peak use over the past 4 years. The city would want to double check if they agree with what flows TRMF is proposing compared to what they use now. He also wants to see an official layout of

all the proposed rooms. Slauter would like to make a motion; Corneil feels it is a conflict of interest for Slauter to vote on accepting the APEX proposal for the lagoon evaluation. Slauter does not feel it's a conflict, because it's information that all residents of Medora have the right to know because this is for the city, not just TRMF. Slauter would like to poll the Council if can participate in voting on this matter. Tczap-yes; Joyce-yes; Brannum-yes. Slauter made the motion to approve the APEX proposal of \$19,864 to evaluate the city lagoon capacity. Second by Tczap. Motion passes unanimously.

The final item of business was clarification by Corneil that Highlands Engineering is representing both TRMF and the city on this Bunkhouse project. Corneil feels the city is being represented fairly by Njos, but he wants the Council to be aware of the situation. Tczap added that he hopes both engineers would work together for what is best for both entities. Njos stated that he always makes decisions that are in the best interest for the City of Medora.

Corneil asked to go back to Slauter abstaining on the evaluation of lagoons decision. Corneil stated that the Council is at this meeting because Slauter's employer needs to know something now. Because of this Todd objects to him being allowed to vote on this matter. Slauter responded that he respects Corneil's position.

There being no other business, Slauter moved to adjourn. Without objection, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Todd Corneil, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Carla Steffen, Auditor