

City of Medora
Minutes of Special Meeting
September 22, 2016
(Subject to Council review and approval)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Todd Corneil. Present were Councilmen Denis Joyce, John Tczap, Kinley Slauter, and Ben Brannum.

The first agenda item was Cable TV. Tom Wilhelmi, Beach Cable, stated a decision needs to be made if the City is accepting the offer for Beach Cable to purchase the city owned equipment for \$8,856.25. The age of the equipment varies; some is very dated and some is about 3 years old, but nothing is under warranty. Beach Cable has built a new building in Beach, ND and they will be moving all of their cable equipment to Beach. Corneil told the Council that a decision needs to be made if the City should accept the offer or keep the equipment and purchase more equipment to keep cable TV local. After further discussion, Wilhelmi stated that Beach Cable will only continue to transfer signal to Medora until December 31, 2016 if Medora is no longer going to purchase signal from Beach Cable. Slauter recommended that the City buy a used node for approximately \$650 so Medora customers can continue to have service until December 31, 2016. Slauter made the motion to purchase a used node, hire OH Construction to install the node, accept Beach Cable offer to purchase City's cable equipment for \$8,856.25, and discontinue cable as of December 31, 2016. Second by Joyce. Roll call vote: Joyce, aye; Tczap, aye; Slauter, aye; Brannum, aye. Joyce stated the City should have control that no lines be dug up where Rick Berg will be building a house until the node is moved. Slauter will contact Rick Berg and explain our situation. Steffen will send a letter to all cable users and will place Cable TV on the October 4 agenda so other options can be reviewed to help customers make the transition.

The next agenda item was Joint Resolution with County regarding East River Road speed limit. Steffen received the Resolution from City Attorney Kuntz shortly before the meeting, so the County has not reviewed yet. There was discussion regarding section 2; warning signs have only been up for about a week so it was consensus of Council to see if those signs work before actually changing the speed limit. No decision will be made on the Resolution until the County has had a chance to review and it can be decided who should pay for what.

The 2017 preliminary budget that was approved at the September 6 Council Meeting was reviewed. Corneil stated that additional repairs to pavement at the pool will need to be looked at, but will not be included in the budget at this time. Steffen added that the Cable TV budget

will not be accurate since the City will no longer be operating a Cable TV system. Brannum made the motion to approve the Final Budget FY 2017. Second by Slauter. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief John Bey thanked Steffen for working with him on the police budget. His thanks were also extended to Councilmen for their work on the Cable TV issue and the East River Road safety concerns. There being no other business, Brannum moved to adjourn. Without objection, meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Attest: _____, Todd Corneil, Mayor

Attest: _____ Carla Steffen, City Auditor