

CITY OF CASSELTON
Monday, March 27, 2017
SPECIAL MEETING 7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Lee Anderson, Councilmen Joan Carvell, Mike Eberhardt, Charlie Francis, Char Gust and Kent Buss.
Also present: Greg Kempel, Carrie Hagen, DeAnn Buckhouse, Morgan Forness, Jonathan Warrey, Jack Haines, Harold Rotunda, City Auditor Sheila Klevgard and City Attorney Del Losing.

Canvassing Board

Absentee and election day ballots were counted on Election Day. Those that were mailed prior to election day and received by today are allowed to be accepted and tabulated. If an application is hand printed, a printed signature could be compared with a cursive signature. Councilman Carvell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Francis to reject Jeremie Foster's ballot because the signature could not be verified and to accept the remaining two ballots. All voted aye on voice vote; **motion passed**. This action added two 'yes' votes and zero 'no' votes; final count is 309 'yes' votes and 279 'no' votes. The cost of postage and election worker wages is estimated at \$600.00 About 1,200 Casselton city residents voted at the last general election. The next census will give a better idea of how many eligible voters are in the city. Councilman Francis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Buss to accept the results of the election. All voted aye on voice vote; **motion passed**.

Sales Tax Ordinance

An increase must be approved by the people, but the council can amend the ordinance without a vote. The city has a limit of \$25.00 per transaction that is not required by the state but rather by ordinance. Councilman Francis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Buss to approve the first reading of the ordinance. All voted aye on voice vote; **motion passed**.

Joint Powers Agreement

Prior to finalizing the agreement it must be decided when payments will be due from the park district to the city and at what interest rate. If the bond gets refunded with a different interest rate and the agreement states the rate the park district will pay, the agreement would need to get rewritten. Instead, the contract should say interest will be paid at the same rate as the related bond. It was also suggested that staggered term limits be established for the advisory board. Loring wants all agreements to be worked out and signed at the same time.

Sales Tax Bond

The auditor explained the differences between financing with open market bonds versus local bank financing. Bank of ND could be asked if they could issue bonds for the city but Rotunda believes the interest rate would be higher. Councilman Francis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Carvell to have the auditor inquire with the local banks and Bank of ND and use her own discretion as to what to request. All voted aye on voice vote; **motion passed**.

Councilman Francis made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

Next regular meeting April 3, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila K Klevgard
City Auditor