

CITY OF CASSELTON
Monday, September 26, 2011
SPECIAL MEETING 6:00 P.M.
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Ed McConnell, Councilmen Pete Silbernagel, Phil Spooner, Fred Wangler, Craig Tillisch, Paul Spooner; Steve Link arrived late

Also present: Justin Pearson and City Auditor Sheila Klevgard

Overview of NDLC Annual Conference

Pete Silbernagel visited with several vendors at the conference including ND Criminal Justice Information Sharing regarding their Victim Notification Service that can notify the registered person about any change in status of an offender, Waste Management regarding a change to single stream recycling, and Midco who can clean the inside of a water tower without emptying the tank. (Councilman Steve Link arrived at this time.) The NDLC passed a resolution to oppose the proposed constitutional measure number 2 and similar efforts to eliminate property taxes and reduce local control over the provision of local services. If it passes, the cities would have to rely on the state legislature to disburse revenues to the cities to support their budgets.

State Small Business Credit Initiative Program

This program was started by the federal government to increase the availability of funding and credit to small businesses. A certain number of dollars were allocated to each state and the states were given the opportunity to apply for those dollars. 13.1 million dollars was declined by the state of ND and is now available for application by the municipalities. This money is to be used as venture capital to invest in small businesses. Only those cities that apply can use the funds to help businesses within their city. The allocation of funds is based on population; therefore, the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation is asking the City of Casselton to join the application to increase that population base. The Job Development Authority recommends that the City join the application. Motion was made by Fred Wangler, seconded by Steve Link to go forward with joining the SSBCI application. All voted aye on roll call vote; **motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila K Klevgard
City Auditor