

**Board of Trustees
September 28, 2018
Special Meeting
Agenda**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Greenwood Board of Trustees will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018 at the E.L. McDonald Community Center, 619 Main Street, Greenwood, Nebraska. Said meeting is open and the public is encouraged to attend. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn to Executive Session per State Statute 84-1410. The open meetings act is posted in the meeting room for the public to view.

Roll Call

Present-Piehl, Gerlach, Wilken, Starr Absent-Meyer

Communication of Citizens

Consider requests from individuals present. Each speaker will be allowed two minutes and no action will be taken on these topics until the next Board Meeting. The Village Board will review the matters and take action as they deem appropriate. Notice: There is to be no comments or disruption to the meeting in progress. You will be asked to leave if the above is not adhered to. We ask for your cooperation and courtesy. Thank You.

Current Business (discussion with approval or disapproval as needed)

Discussion approve/disapprove Simple City Contracts

Fergus stated he thinks we should try it for one more year. He thinks if we can get it integrated in day to day activities that it will be beneficial to the town. He said that he knows that we have spent a lot of money on the program. Piehl agreed that the village has spent a lot of money on the program. She said it is always one more time. She said every time we discuss GIS it is the same conversation. She said we can say it until we are blue in the face and keep throwing money at it. She said for the money we have spent on GIS we could have paved Main Street. Starr said he spoke to Chief Operating Officer, Janelle Heuton today regarding the contract. He said she seemed offensive. Heuton told Starr that they have went above and beyond for the village of Greenwood. She told Starr that they did all these trainings that they shouldn't have done. She told him the village should have been charged for all these trainings. Starr felt she came off rude. Starr said that he also felt Geneie Andrews came off rude when she was at a meeting. Starr tried to get in contact with the owner. He was unable to reach Joe who was absent due to a family emergency. Starr went on to say that he spoke with Hueton who seemed like she wanted to argue when Starr asked her questions. Starr stated his only request was that they came out in front of the board and talk to everyone at one time, instead of just one person at a time. Hueton said that Fergus had only called her one time. Starr said that he knows that Fergus had tried to contact her more than one time. She told Starr that the village canceled the meeting for June 12, 2018. Starr said that after she told him GIS has went above and beyond to help the village with trainings for free that we should have paid for. Piehl said \$50,000, we did pay for it. We don't use anything else of theirs. Starr said the conversation with Hueton rubbed him the wrong way. Fergus said he found out from speaking with Andrews that if we go to their office for training it doesn't cost anything. Piehl said regardless for the amount of money that has been spent on their software they should come train us. Piehl said that it shouldn't matter how many times we call they should come out. We don't use anything of theirs. Piehl pointed out that Fergus and Stewart did all their footwork for GIS. They literally have done nothing for us. Fergus said when the board had GIS do the contract you also had them do the light poles etc. Starr said they did not agree upon that. That's the problem. Starr said that they had been told that once the new budget was in effect, they would vote on that. They went ahead and did it anyway and sent the town a bill when the budget came out. Starr said that made him very upset. He said that they may have sent us an agreement, but the what we voted on was two different things. Fergus said he did not know that. He said that the only thing he knew was around that time they were doing the culverts. Piehl said that was all she thought they were doing and that was all that was approved. Fergus said at the time Criswell was in office and she wanted to do the drainage and then to get whomever in here to fix the culverts which never even ended up happening. Fergus said so we spent money on that for nothing. Wilken said that was \$4800.00 plus the \$1200.00. Starr said that was a large amount of money. He said that they were here for 2 days. They did a bunch of driving around. While they were here they did the street signs at the same time and that was never even agreed upon. Piehl said the audio version of the meeting minutes were played back to them at a meeting. Fergus asked if this was something Criswell would have done. Gerlach said that Criswell wanted

everything entered into the system for insurance values. He knows that is what she was pushing for. Starr said either it had been done without board approval or they sent us an agreement and we just signed off on it thinking it was what we had agreed upon at the meeting. Piehl said she doesn't think we should be pointing fingers because it is in the past. Fergus said that is the frustrating part of it. He said at least now we know we can go do training and get it done. Starr asked Hueton if we could get a different representative than Andrews and was told no. Fergus said that Andrews is our sales representative and that is not the one we actually deal with. Starr said he would not want to give her credit for any of this because of how she messed us over the last time. Piehl stated what kind of company will not allow you to switch representatives if requested. Wilken pointed out that if we don't buy extra services we probably won't have to deal with her. He said that we have Leslie and Jeremy. Fergus said that Jeremy does the Simple Signs part of GIS. Fergus said that he has had conversations with Jeremy and he has asked if Fergus would like to do trainings. Unfortunately, it was during spring and it was during a time we were trying to get other things taken care of. Wilken said when you think training, you think they are coming here to train you and that is not the case. Fergus said that was the misunderstanding. Piehl said which is also not convenient because we are trying to get Peoples Service to train too. Fergus said that Peoples Service would go to them for training. Piehl said we shouldn't expect that of another contract that we hold. Starr said he thinks we should print the big maps of the water, sewer, and electrical. Piehl said of all the stuff that Fergus and Stewart did. Wilken said we have only two days to do it though. Starr said download the file. Fergus said that is the problem, we can't download the file. We pretty much just lease the program. Gerlach said we just have access to a cloud that is all we have. We can go in a grab sections of the cloud and view stuff on the cloud and print of a small section of it, but there is really not anything you can do with it. Starr said he thought we could download a PDF of it. Fergus said we do have maps but they are not as descriptive. Piehl pointed out to Fergus that was all stuff you and Stewart did yourselves. We could have done our own maps and not paid these people. Fergus said the bad thing is that we are already in it thus far. Piehl said not by her vote. Wilken said that is obvious. He asked how we are going to get the \$900.00 credit we have at the company back. Starr said she told us we have credit so if we vote no we will ask for our money back. Starr asked two other small towns to see if they use the GIS program and they don't use it. Wilken said he spoke to someone in Eagle and they use their GIS program. They use it quite frequently and it is very handy. Wilken said it just has to be used. Fergus said he just needs to implement it. Gerlach said to pick a date and start using it if this is approved. Starr questioned if they would come to the office for training. Fergus said they would but they will charge us. Starr said the system is fairly easy to use. Fergus said it has information that you can break down. He gave an example of fire hydrants. There were fire hydrants with bad serial numbers. Fergus said he had to go around to check all the fire hydrants. If he had all the information in the computer, he wouldn't have had to check everyone in town. It would have saved a lot of labor. Wilken said Holdredge has the program. He spoke with them because they have their own electricity like us. He said they told him what is really nice about the program is if they have an area that is having trouble and they need to call someone in, they know exactly what that transformer is, how big it is, what wire. That way they can tell whoever is coming to repair the issue here is what you need to bring. It saves time and money going back to get something else. Wilken said this would be a definite plus. Fergus said it is useful because if you have an outage you can tell who is affected on that line. Fergus said there are pros and cons. Piehl said she agrees with that. Wilken said he sees Piehl's side, when is enough, enough. If it is not going to be used, pull the plug. Wilken said we are not seeing the benefit of it. Piehl said we are not using it. When it comes down to it, it is stuff that is already mapped out. Fergus and Stewart did all the work. She seen Fergus and Stewart driving around town. Fergus and Stewart did all the shut offs and culverts. She said that it was her understanding in that meeting that was what we were paying GIS to do and they didn't do it. From that meeting on, she had a bad feeling. We were paying them to a service and the maintenance men did all the leg work. Fergus said the shutoffs were already done. He was doing all that as part of the water audit. Piehl said but you did all the culverts. Fergus agreed he mapped out all the culverts. Piehl said they drove around in a car and that was it. Wilken said you assumed that GIS was mapping the culverts. Piehl said that was how they explained it. Starr agreed with Piehl and added that GIS was supposed to be doing it all for us. Piehl said instead the village paid Fergus and Stewart to do it while GIS drove around in a car. Gerlach said it was his understanding at that time is that we needed to get the information done real quick for the JEO stuff. It worked out that Fergus and Stewart were available and GIS couldn't get out her to do it. Gerlach asked if he was correct on his understanding. Starr said he thought so. Gerlach thought we had two to three weeks to get stuff done. Wilken asked if that was because of the grant and JEO. Piehl said we still paid the same thing. It is not like GIS gave us a break on

it. Gerlach said he has tried to implement the work order stuff in here a few times. He thinks there might be two or three outstanding work orders in there right now. Gerlach said that he hasn't been on the program for a while now. Fergus said he hasn't either. Starr said that he saw them about six months ago. Fergus said he needs to get his log in information again.

Gerlach made a motion to approve the Simple City contract as presented with the available credit of 930.00 from GIS workshop for a total amount of \$2160.00. Wilken seconded the motion.

Aye- Wilken, Gerlach

Nay- Starr, Piehl

Motion failed

Discussion approve/disapprove concrete patchwork

Fergus has a list of concrete he would like to repair before it gets to cold out. He said he will need around nine yards to complete these projects. He would like to have a little extra just in case of an emergency. He said he is tired of come winter time we are pushing rock. He said third and Ash Street needs to be done regardless. It will be cheaper for the town to do it. He said when they eventually go to pave it they will have to put a base down. It would be cheaper for us to do it. We will have to do it in sections. That's why it is all broke down like it is. Fergus said right now it is around 115.00 a yard, but the price could vary. Starr said he doesn't really have a problem with it because stuff needs to get done.

Starr made a motion to approve concrete patchwork not to exceed 1200.00. Gerlach seconded the motion.

Aye- Piehl, Gerlach, Wilken, Starr

Nay- None

Motion carried

Discussion approve/disapprove transformer for Zito business

This is right on the edge of town where are PT meters are. They would like to put in fiber optic communications in. Fergus recommends that Zito pay for the cost of the transformer. He said is how they are doing it in other locations. He said they will bring a line down from the transformer and set the meter on it. He said that they will not be using a lot of electricity just enough for run some heaters and a cabinet. Gerlach asked where they wanted to put this transformer. Fergus said there are three poles there. He said two have PT meters. The third is empty and that's where he would place the transformer. They are putting a little shack there. We would still bill them accordingly. Fergus spoke on the two bids he gave. He said that he would like to use the bid from Solomon because they will come out and service the transformer if there is an issue.

Wilken made motion to approve the transformer for Zito business. Zito business will then be billed for the transformer from Solomon for \$330.00. Starr seconded the motion.

Aye-Gerlach, Wilken, Starr, Piehl

Nay-none

Motion carried.

Discussion approve/disapprove ordering of electrical supplies

Fergus said he has a list of things he is getting low on. He needs 320 meters. He said he has one residence in need and would like to keep one on hand. He has two 9S meters for the Co-op. He said one meter over there is not reading. He said that the demand is not met, it is currently only reading on one leg not both. He said it has been like that since installed. Gerlach thought there had been an ongoing issue with that. He said there was a primary that had a leak underground and he is wondering if it blew that out. Gerlach asked if their meter was a three phase or a single phase. Fergus said that it was a three phase. He said that it is only metered on two legs and averaging on the third. Fergus said by rights it needs to be done on all three. Fergus said that is a spring project. He said he is also getting low on wire for the street lights.

Wilken made a motion to approve the ordering of electrical supplies not to exceed \$2000.00. Piehl seconded the motion.

Aye-Wilken, Starr, Piehl, Gerlach

Nay-none

Motion carried

Adjournment

Wilken made a motion to adjourn at 9:26pm. Piehl seconded the motion.

Aye-Starr, Piehl, Gerlach, Wilken

Nay-none

Motion carried