Official Minutes of the Ceylon City Council

Special Meeting

Ceylon, Minnesota March 28, 2017

The Ceylon City Council held a Special Meeting on March 28, 2017. Members present: Mayor Lon Oelke, Councilmember: Thomas Plumhoff, Chad Dunlop & Amanda Diers. Absent: Councilmen John Gibeau. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Mayor Oelke. Also in attendance were: Chris Griffin, Douglas Willner, City Works Employee Jim Plumhoff, Wayne Walter, Dennis Neitzel & Marlin Bents.

Mayor Oelke opened the meeting with a statement as to the reason this meeting was called. The sole purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Ceylon Rental Ordinance. The city would like to know how to go about registering occupants in rental properties. Mr. Willner stated he feels this is a confidentiality matter & would require a release form. Mayor asked if back ground checks are done. Mr. Willner stated they are done but aren’t foolproof. Mr. Willner stated that between a landlord & a renter he could not create a blackball list. He asked the city to check with their attorney to see if the city could have a list. Mr. Willner stated he too would like to have good tenants. Mayor Oelke said that is what the city would also like. He added he wants to see properties that look like a house, too many with uncut grass, garbage & just an eyesore. Mr. Neitzel stated these houses are what drive down his property values. Mayor Oelke has issues with landlords collecting rent money and not paying property taxes. This is not fair to the city. Mayor Oelke would like to have a meeting with landlords at city hall. Mr. Willner is asking if the ordinance is that important or working with the city is possible. This ordinance is also to keep renters of Ceylon safe. Mayor Oelke asked Doug-”How can the city help him?” Mr. Willner brought with him a complaint form that Fairmont uses for rentals. The form is submitted to the city proving the tenant contacted landlord with issues and nothing has been done. The city then gives landlord so many days to address the problem. Mr. Willner suggested once a year send a letter to the neighbors on each side of rental properties. Allow them to address any issues they have. Mayor Oelke said we don’t need more ordinances, but we do need accountability for these nuisances. It was moved by Diers and seconded by Dunlop to adjourn. Next regular council meeting will be held on April 11, 2017 at 6pm in the council room. Mary M Muller

Clerk~Treasurer