

ITG (Political Subdivisions) Committee

The ITG (Political Subdivisions) Committee met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019 in the Tom Baker Meeting Room in the City/County Building. Present were Committee Members Commissioner Marquardt, Brian Beattie and Rick Geloff. Jason Hornbacher, Ben Ehreth, Nick Bradbury, Michelle Klose, Gabe Schell, Nancy Guy, Randy Bina, Kevin Klipfel, Darin Scherr and Keith Hunke were also present.

Commissioner Marquardt asked for consideration of the minutes of the November 29, 2018 meeting. Brian Beattie moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Rick Geloff seconded the motion. All present voted in favor of the motion. M/C

Dr. Jason Hornbacher the new Superintendent of Bismarck Public Schools introduced himself and provided background about himself to the committee.

Ben Ehreth the new Community Development Director introduced himself and provided background about himself to the committee. He also provided a presentation on the conceptual relationships of the planning and zoning process.

The committee member asked questions of the Community Development Director regarding the process of new plats and the participation from other entities at the public hearings. City Engineer Gabe Schell addressed the committee to provide additional information.

Nick Bradbury provided a presentation regarding his issues with the Planning & Zoning development process, in particular with the Tyler Parkway Addition. He also provided suggestions that he felt may help the process, such as making sure that residents familiarize themselves with the process, making sure there is transparency, and having documents more available to the public. Rick Geloff mentioned that the BPS, Bismarck Parks & Rec and the City of Bismarck are all working on Strategic Planning which addresses long term planning. Brian Beattie stated that if possible the entities should work together through the strategic planning process to help with any changes that need to be addressed.

Public Works Utility Operations Director Michelle Klose addressed the committee to provide an update on the Bismarck Utility Rate Study.

City Administrator Keith Hunke provided some information regarding the possible technology upgrade of the Tom Baker meeting room. He is asking that each subdivision cost share the upgrade and that he will have an upgrade cost package for everyone to review at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2019.

The agenda having been completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Reported by Dawn Marquardt