



November 6, 2008

Minutes of the Meeting

The meeting was held in the Community Building located at 908 Huron Street, Benkelman, NE. Members present: Rita Jones, Linda Melchert, Harlan Cansler, Bob Prangley, Gary Clark, Bill Lewis, Ben Blecha, Shannon McAdams, Randy Hudson, Joya Neville, Cheryl Prangley, Scott Vanderford.

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Rita Jones. The minutes from October 2, 2008 were reviewed. A motion to approve was made Linda Melchert and seconded by Gary Clark; motion carried.
2. Treasurer's report submitted by Gary Clark. A motion to approve the treasurer report and payment of bills as presented was made by Linda Melchert and seconded by Bob Prangley; motion carried.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Action Groups
 - i. Benkelman Beautification/Community Improvement – Gary Clark gave an update on the various projects completed and still in process. Discussion was held update the worn flags on Main Street, 25 flags would be needed to take care of the worn flags and have a small reserve for future needs. A motion to purchase 25 American flags was made by Gary Clark and seconded by Randy Hudson; motion carried.
 - ii. Website Communications – Scott Vanderford, reported on website updates. He also was able to purchase two Wii games to be given away at the Christmas promotion.
 - iii. Graphic Communications – Ben Blecha gave an update, 5000 brochures being printed to showcase Dundy County amenities; however due to a folding error 10,000 were printed and delivered and we were only charged for 5000.
 - iv. Funding – Pat Rotherham, negative report
 - v. Housing – Harlan Cansler discussed the USDA Housing Grant the city recently received. It will provide for approved housing updates for qualified homeowners.
 - vi. Membership – Bob Prangley will work on developing a membership packet

4. New Businesses:
 - a. Rita Jones discussed having a street dance in conjunction with the “Fall Festival” She had information available on a band called ‘The Rumbles’. Rita will make inquiries regarding their availability in 2009.

 - b. Christmas Promotion – All aspects were addressed with appropriate action taken. Each member present was handed “gift sheet” and requested to contact that particular business for gifts.

5. Next Meeting: December 4, 2008

6. Adjournment at 7:40 pm

/s/ Linda Melchert, Secretary