

**CITY OF PARK RIVER, NORTH DAKOTA, SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING,
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 AT 1:00 P.M.**

The City of Park River held a special meeting of the Park River City Council on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. to discuss an outstanding loan to Melissa and Jesse Irvine.

Councilmember Dwight Byron called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm with the following present: Councilmen Arvid Knutson and Keith Anderson, City Attorney Tracy Laaveg, City Coordinator Jolene Halldorson, and City Auditor Ann Berg with Councilmember's Kyle Halvorson and Bob Lundquist by phone. Absent Mayor Dan Stenvold and Public Works Director Dennis Larson.

Laaveg presented background information to the Council on an equity loan through First United Bank and sponsored by the City of Park River to Melissa and Jesse Irvine in 2001. The money was used towards the purchase of Bonnie's Garden Center. At the time of the \$5,000 loan the City required a second mortgage on the Irvine's home as collateral. Only one payment of \$1,000 had been made on the principal of the loan leaving \$4,000 on the balance. Through no fault on the Irvine's part, documentation was misfiled by personnel no longer with the City and bank and came to light when the Irvine's started working on refinancing their home. Berg was called by the refinancing company asking for the City to release the mortgage. Laaveg and Halldorson informed the Council they both spoke with Melissa Irvine and she and her husband Jesse are willing to make \$100 per month payments to settle the loan.

Councilmember Lorton joined the meeting at 1:19 pm by phone.

Halldorson presented several repayment options to the Council and she recommended to the Council to consider the option of repaying \$2,500 with no interest in 25-\$100 payments. Council asked Laaveg if they agree to release the mortgage if a written agreement with a lien could be a condition of the agreement and Laaveg concurred. Knutson moved and Anderson seconded to release the mortgage upon signing a written agreement stating the Irvine's agree to pay back \$2,500 with no interest in 25 - \$100 payments which will be added to their monthly utility bill. Upon roll call vote all voted aye. M/C.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM.

Dwight Byron, Councilmember

ATTEST:

Ann Berg, City Auditor