

City Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)
May 12, 2008

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Louise Winkler, Gordon Sjaaheim, Pat Meier, Tim Berscheid, Louis Walz, Laverne Woidylla, Mary Ann Hartung, Jeremy Freudenrich, Sue Marstein, Scott Lange, Pat Rogosheske, John Ellering, Gerard Wentland, Brett Repulske, Jesse Scepaniak..

Mayor Ernie Schmit called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

After some discussion, Lloyd Rausch made a motion to approve payment of bills, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Minutes of the April, 2008 council meeting were approved on a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Liquor store report was given by manager Pat Meier. One CD is coming due in June, '08. The council tabled what to do with it until after the June 1, 2008 inventory is done. The Game Day the liquor store put on on May 10th, turned out very well. Upcoming event: Friday, May 16th, the band Pie Hole will be playing.

		May, 2008	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
APRIL	2008	\$ 31,511.65	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 31,511.65
MARCH	2008	\$ 28,375.68		
APRIL	2007	\$ 25,828.04	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 80,389.15
Lottery'08 April		\$ 678.73	'08 GROSS	\$ 111,900.80
'08 YTD		\$ 2,444.72	'08 EXPENSES	\$ 103,417.12
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ 8,483.68
GT BANK		\$ 13,882.79	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 2,444.72
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 10,928.40

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief, Pat Meier There were six calls for April, 2 rescue, 2 Holding, 1 cancelled in route and 1 city. So far this year there has been 27 calls. The refresher course put on by the St. Cloud Technical College cost \$2,641. The Fire Department got a reimbursement of \$2,394 from Region and Stearns County. There was no activity in the Truck Fund. It has a balance of \$16,238.47. There is also a \$40,000 CD for the F.D.

Dick Paggen made a motion, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to renew the CD 20924 \$41,381.72 for another term. The city clerk is to find out the best rate and renew at that rate. AIF

Mayor Ernie Schmit gave his mayor's report. See end of minutes for details.

Scott Lange went over last year's water usage and wastewater treatment. The charts showed water usage by each well and the sanitary sewer treatment. Wastewater treatment is about 750,000 gallons per month. The city's capacity is 2,500,000 gallons per month, so we are well below capacity.

Kim Ebnet made a motion to give \$250 to the Initiative Foundation, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF The IF has been a great help in supporting community initiatives here in Holdingford.

The city has received a letter from the MN Dept of Commerce giving us a determination from the Petro Fund for clean up of a fuel spill back in 2000 at Pump House #1. The city clerk will write a letter of intent to not appeal the amount approved for reimbursement. In this case, the city should receive their reimbursement of \$13,274.82 in three to four weeks after they receive our written notice.

Aflac Insurance agent, Pat Rogosheske came before the council seeking their okay to approach employees on the Aflac insurance benefits package she has. She was seeking the council's approval that if the employees choose this insurance, they may have this insurance premium taken out of their paychecks. The council okayed this on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

USDA employee, Brett Repulske shared with the council grant opportunities for the possibility of getting water/sewer lines to part of Wentland Addition where Country Community Church has purchased land. In going over the information, it was found that the city would not qualify for a grant. Brett also explained another grant possibility from DEED, called the Public Facilities grant, which can be used for public facilities and equipment. The council will keep this in mind should the need arise in the future for the use of these grant possibilities.

Tim Berscheid talked about the signs that will be made for the Wobegon Shelter. Mike Odden will be drawing up a logo for him. Tim will bring several designs to the June meeting so this was tabled till then. Cost for each sign will be approximately \$450. This will be paid for out of the Park budget.

Tim Berscheid also talked about his tax assessment on two of his properties on Rivercrest Road. Because of the way special assessments are put on taxes, his tax statement had on the special assessment now instead of 2009. The council okayed his paying what would be the interest on this special assessment in 2008 to go to principle. Starting in 2009, his assessment will be reduced by that interest amount. Mike Odden made the motion to allow Tim Berscheid's payment for 2008 to all go to principle, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

The street sweeper from Environmental Equipment and Services, Inc. from Elko, MN was discussed. It's a 1993 Tymco 600 BAH mounted on a Ford cargo chassis. Included as options among other items is a vacuum and pressure washer. The price is \$34,950 plus \$2,271.75 tax for a total of \$37,221.75. A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden to purchase this street sweeper. AIF

Mr. John Ellering from Select Associates Realty came before the council asking if the city has plans for Industrial/Commercial/Residential expansion. He is exploring the possibility of purchasing land northwest of town and wanted the city council input as to what they are looking for in future development. Mayor Schmit said for Mr. Ellering to put together his preliminary plan, and then come to the council for their input.

Liquor Store procedures were discussed. The procedures will be clarified and next month will be officially adopted by the council. In the meantime, we will be implementing these procedures.

The next Stearns County League of Cities meeting will be in Kimball at the Willow Creek picnic shelter on Tuesday, May 20th, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Mayor Schmit asked the council if they want to have the Old Maintenance Garage building insured. It hasn't been insured for the last couple years. The contents inside, however, are covered by insurance. The council said not to have the building insured.

UC Lab, who the city has for wastewater testing, will be changing their procedures. The City of Holdingford will now be taking the water testing vials to Avon for pick up once per week. In order to stay in compliance with water temperature, this change needed to be done.

The alley/ditch by Marie Heitzman needs to be cleaned up. Maintenance crew to look into this.

Jeremy Freudenrich explained to the council that Opatz Metals will have a roll off at the old maintenance shop for the June 21st clean up day for any metals people bring in. This will free up Herman's time that he used for taking the metals down there during the clean up time.

Tom's Refuse has requested a \$1/month fuel surcharge for garbage pick up. Tom's rates were renegotiated last fall for another 5 year contract with no increase since 1990 when they first contracted with the city. A motion was made by Dick Paggen seconded by Mike Odden to have a \$1/month non taxable fuel surcharge on the garbage pick up starting with the July billing for June. AIF

Several residents who attended the council meeting requested that Opatz Metals clean up their business along the river. With the covered bridge being built, Opatz Metals is an eye sore along the river.

Herman Ebnet gave the council a list of his vacation and comp times he will be using before his last day of work. He will be working until October 31, 2008.

Council has in their packet the revenue and expenses spent so far for the covered bridge. No city funds have been expended on the covered bridge.

Louis Walz requested the possibility of setting up a newspaper stand. The council is not aware of any ordinance, so they are allowing this stand to be put up.

Kim Ebnet requested that the city patrol time also include regularly patrolling the Industrial Park. Mayor Schmit will call the sheriff's department to start doing this.

Mike Odden made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Council meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Statz, City Clerk