

City Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)  
April 9, 2007

Present at the meeting: Dick Paggen, Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Pat Meier, Louise Winkler, Louis Walz, Florence Voss, Arnold Voss, Mary Ann Hartung, Brenda Engelking, Cheryl Foster, Molly Thompson.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ernie Schmit at 7 p.m.

Motion to approve checks with changes noted on accounts was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to approve minutes with change to Liquor Store Report noted for the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Liquor store report was given by manager, Pat Meier.

		April 09, 2007	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
MARCH	2007	\$ 27,057.68	GROSS RECEIPTS, MAR	\$27,057.68
FEBRUARY	2007	\$ 22,834.09		
MARCH	2006	\$ 24,471.95		
Lottery'07 March		\$ 432.56	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 48,468.64
'07 YTD		\$ 1,436.68	07 EXPENSES	\$ 84,254.95
GT BANK		\$ 7,480.79	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 1,436.68
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ (7,291.95)

The alcohol compliance letter from Stearns County that the liquor store gets each year is on file with the liquor store. Kim Ebnet made a motion to pay \$200 for the tobacco fee for the liquor store, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF It is due May 15, 2007.

The cost for the band (Keystone) that was hired for Holdingford Daze will be split three ways; TK's, American Legion and Liquor Store.

Fire Department Report was given by Fire Chief Pat Meier. The truck fund has \$11,157.78 and a \$40,000 CD, The Firemen's Relief Association gave out eight \$500 scholarships this past month. Also a \$500 donation was given for a firearm safety course at school. Kelly Kobernusz is a teacher at the school and is also on the fire department.

Firemen's Relief Association Pension seminar will be held the next two Thursday evenings at the St. Cloud Wastewater Treatment facility. Members of the Fire Department and city council and city clerk will be attending.

Pat will be filing on line tomorrow for payment of \$53,141 grant with the Department of Homeland Safety for radios. They are here and will be programmed on Thursday.

Prices are being gathered for the 2007 DHS grant. Holdingford is looking into getting air packs.

Six people attended the Skywarn classes last week. Four people attended the Lake Region fire school in March. Steve Ebnet went to the I-300 course and three people will be going to the safety and loss control workshop this Thursday in St. Cloud.

The mayor gave his report. See the end of council minutes for his complete report.

At the last meeting, Ron Hylla had requested that the city temporarily forego the 10 percent gambling funds currently directed to Equipment Fund and redirect all of the gambling funds to their current project, restoring the high school gym floor. No action was taken by the council on this request.

Brenda Engelking, from the MN Housing Finance Agency gave a presentation to the council and interested people on doing repairs to their homes with forgivable loans. Homeowners must meet certain eligibility requirements but this is a good program for homeowners here in Holdingford. Mayor Schmit will have more information in his mayor's report on this. This is very similar to the "This Old House" program residents participated in when the city put in the new water tower some years ago.

Cheryl Foster, the Stearns County assessor for the city of Holdingford, gave the county analysis for our city. We are no longer in 1<sup>st</sup> place with the highest tax capacity for Stearns County. We actually dropped to third place, behind Freeport and Belgrade. The city had six home sales from a year ago. The Board of Equalization meeting for Holdingford will be on Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Anyone who has an issue with their current tax statement, should come to this meeting.

Molly Thompson, CPA for the City of Holdingford, gave the council the 2006 audit. She gave a brief overview of how the city did this past year. We did very similar to 2005. Anyone wishing to view the audit, may do so at city hall during normal business hours. A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden to accept the audit given by Ms. Thompson. AIF

The city clerk is working with the State of Minnesota on a non-compliance issue in regard to pay equity. Two categories appear to be out of compliance.

Resolution 07-04-09-02 regarding the Garden Club being supported by the council in putting in electricity next to the bike trail was approved on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Resolution 07-02-12-02 was rescinded by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet in order to make a change in the resolution. The words "and bingo" were taken out of this resolution, so it will now read, "Resolution 07-02-12-02A was passed on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet to permit the Holdingford Commercial Club to hold a Drawing in conjunction with "Holdingford Daze" on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Drawing to be held at 9 p.m. in front of the Holdingford Liquor Store. AIF This changed resolution was passed on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Resolution 07-04-09-01 to permit bingo to be played during "Holdingford Daze," July 14, 2007 at the American Legion was passed on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

The old Maintenance Shop rental was discussed. It was decided by the council to pursue renting it out. More information will be needed before final approval will be given. A sample rental agreement is being looked at by the mayor.

Meeting with the Liquor store manager and assistant took place this past month with Mayor Schmit and Lloyd Rausch. Discussion on raising revenue and consequences if not meeting budget was discussed.

Lidar maps from the County is now available to the city. We can get free software to tap into these maps from the county, but the set up will have to be done by the county. Cost would be between \$400/\$500. We will be getting the paper maps. Getting the software was tabled for now until there is more information on this.

Cleaning the sewer lines project and lining manholes has been tabled till next meeting. More information on cost is needed before making a decision. Estimates came from Ritter/Ritter and from Infratec.

The front end loader repairs were discussed. Two new tires are needed. It was budgeted for 4 new tires, but the maintenance men believe we can get by with two new ones on the rear, moving the rear ones to the front. Estimate came in at \$429.66 for each tire along with mount, dismount, \$65.25 each, O'Rings, \$18 each and service call \$80. A motion was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to accept the Wingfoot bid for two new tires. AIF

Poster contest from the MN Rural Water Association was judged by the city council. Third graders were eligible and Emily Ruprecht was the winner.

The city clerk received a \$150 grant for the Clerk's Institute in July. Total cost for the Institute will be \$260 for the city.

City wide clean up day is scheduled for Saturday, June 16, 2007 8 – 12 noon by the old Maintenance shop. A list of accepted items and charges will be coming with the May utility billing.

Mark Koehn, Vice President of the Holdingford Area Historical Society is requesting a resolution from the city council to allow the Historical Society to use the city's mailing address. A non profit organization (501c) needs to have in its Article of Incorporation an official address. Resolution 07-04-09-04 was made on a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch, to allow the Holdingford Area Historical Society to use 420 Main Street, P. O. Box 69, Holdingford, MN 56340 as its official address. AIF

Resolution 07-04-09-03 to allow Holdingford Area Historical Society to place a one room schoolhouse on city property was made on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

May's council meeting May 14<sup>th</sup>, will start at 6:30 p.m. down at the pump house by well #2 and #3. (by the softball park)

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk, City of Holdingford