

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
April 14, 2008

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen, Ernie Schmit, Cheryl Foster, Pat Meier, Bill Scepaniak, Jeremy Freudenrich, Louise Winkler, Gordon Sjaaheim.

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

Cheryl Foster from Stearns County Assessors Office gave her report for the City of Holdingford's home sales for 2007. There were 11 sales of homes. Tax rate for Holdingford has gone down this past year. We are now in 4th place. May 8, at 7 p.m. will be the Board of Equalization meeting for the public. Two changes in home values have come about with veteran's. See mayor's report for details.

There was discussion on the Wobegon Trail account. The city clerk will keep a revenue and expense amount for the council.

Checks were approved on a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Minutes from March 10, 2008 regular meeting was approved on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Minutes from the April 3, 2008 special meeting was approved on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by manager Pat Meier. Remodeling the bathrooms in the Liquor Store came up for discussion, using the lottery money.

Upcoming events on Friday April 18th is Sparky and Leon and Saturday, May 10th is Game Day.

		April, 2008	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
MARCH	2008	\$ 28,375.68	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 28,375.68
FEBRUARY	2008	\$ 24,335.10		
MARCH	2007	\$ 27,057.68	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 52,013.47
Lottery'08 March		\$ 658.79	'08 GROSS	\$ 80,389.15
'08 YTD		\$ 1,765.99	'08 EXPENSES	\$ 74,525.77
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ 5,863.38
GT BANK		\$ 13,204.06	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 1,765.99
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 7,629.37

Fire Chief Pat Meier gave the Fire Department Report. There have been 22 calls so far this year. Truck Fund has \$16,238.47, with also a \$40,000 CD.

The department is busy with the Standard Operating Procedures manual, bylaws, etc. Ernie Schmit and Kim Ebnet gave out awards for longevity service. See mayor's report for details.

Purchase of a new fire truck was discussed.

Mayor Schmit gave his report. See end of minutes for complete report.

Xcel Energy representatives sent the city a letter saying they are doing a feasibility study to bring in natural gas. They should have the study completed in the next month or so and will then meet with the mayor and city staff to review the project economics in detail.

James Gruenes home had a broken water line in his basement. MN Rural Water came to the city to help find this water leak. Over 20 hours of our maintenance crew went into finding this leak. A motion was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Kim Ebnet to have James Gruenes pay for the water and time of our maintenance crew working on this problem.

Center roof replacement for the salt shed was discussed. The current salt shed's center part of the roof is torn and rotting. Salt shed was free from Columbia Gear, the county paid for the tar inside. Holding Township has agreed to pay for half the center of the roof, the center part is what needs replacing. The end pieces are in okay shape, never torn. Mike Odden made a motion to replace the center section of the roof, at a cost of \$2,192.60 seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Opatz Metals wants to put a sign on our old Maintenance shed indicating direction to their business. The council decided against having a sign put there.

Wastewater Chlorinator, was new in 1990, but now needs to be replaced. New ones are around \$1,100. Jerry has kept patching it, but it needs to be replaced and he can install the new one. Mike Odden made the motion to purchase the wastewater chlorinator for approximately \$1,100, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

To fix up the old sweeper for the John Deere will cost around \$1,900. New Sweeper for the John Deere from Mies, a 60" broom will be about \$2,550 including the trade in value of the old one. Kim Ebnet made the motion to purchase the new 60" brush for the John Deere, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Initiative Foundation sent a letter asking for a \$250 donation. Tabled until next meeting. The council needs to find out if this has already been done this year.

Motion to hire Jeremy Freudenrich as the new maintenance man starting May 5th, as long as his physical and background check comes back okay. Motion made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Crackfill was budgeted for \$5,000 this year. A motion was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to have Scepaniak Construction do the crack fill for the city this summer. AIF

Herman/Jerry to move pile of dirt, cement etc. that is between the maintenance shed and oil bulk plant. Herman will be getting a price from Opatz Excavating on what it will cost to move this pile. Other things on the pile will be taken care of at clean up day in June.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.