

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
July 9, 2007

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, Louis Walz, Shirley Graveen, Al Leinen, Pat Meier, Jerry Vosen. Linus Ebnet, Louise Winkler

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ernie Schmit at 6:35 p.m. at an unrestored manhole. The council then looked at a restored manhole, done by Key Contracting, Inc. from Fargo, ND. They completed work on the ten worst manholes. The city will do the rest next year.

The mayor suspended the meeting at the manholes and reconvened the regular council meeting at city hall at 7 p.m.

A motion was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to pay the bills. AIF.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the June 11, 2007 council meeting by Dick Paggen, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Liquor store report was given by manager Pat Meier.

		July 9, 2007	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
JUNE	2007	\$ 32,885.06	GROSS RECEIPTS, JUNE	\$32,885.06
MAY	2007	\$ 31,272.15		
JUNE	2006	\$ 28,119.56	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 132,626.51
Lottery'07 June		\$ 403.03	'07 GROSS	\$ 165,511.57
'07 YTD		\$ 2,601.10	07 EXPENSES	\$ 162,302.31
GT BANK		\$ 8,645.21	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 2,601.10
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 5,810.36

The liquor store's 'game day' went over very well. Had a lot of participants. There was also a motorcycle stop here in Holdingford. A couple hundred motorcyclists stopped in at the local establishments for refreshments. The liquor store is getting geared up for Holdingford Daze, this coming Saturday, July 14, 2007.

Pat Meier had an employee performance review for Annie Philippi. The council reviewed it. A motion made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet to raise Annie to the next step (2). AIF

The Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief Pat Meier. There are a total of 42 fire/rescue calls so far for the year; 10 for fire; 24 for Rescue/emergency medical; 1 hazardous condition/no fire; 6 false alarms; 1 severe weather. Breakdown by community: 5 for Brockway; 13 for Holding; 4 for Krain; 19 for City; 1 for Two Rivers. There was no activity in the Truck Fund or in the CD.

The Cutters and Ram has been ordered. SnoFlyers have donated \$5,700 for the Cutters and the Fire Relief Association donated \$3,500 for the Ram.

Several firefighters have gone to the convention and training. They have stayed within their budget for the year.

Mayor Ernie Schmit gave his report. See entire report at end of the minutes.

Al Leinen, representing the Lion's Club, came before the council seeking two gambling licenses for the Lion's Club. The first is for Pot O Gold to be held during the September 9, 2007 community picnic. Resolution 07-07-09-01 was passed on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF This will be held at the Veteran's Park in Holdingford.

Resolution 07-07-09-02 to hold a bingo and raffle gambling event at TKs Restaurant on November 24, 2007 was passed on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF This gambling event is to raise funds for the covered bridge.

Resolution 07-07-09-03 to renew the American Legion two year gambling license for pull tabs and bingo at the American Legion was made on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Scott Lange came before the council to go over the bids on re-roofing parts of the city center. He received two bids back. They were opened at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

The engineer's estimate was \$31,782.00
Buttweilers Do-All, Inc. from Alexandria, MN was \$35,231.00
Granite City Roofing from St. Cloud, MN was \$59,110.00

The bid was awarded to Buttweilers Do-All, Inc. from Alex., MN. Jerry Vosen from Buttweilers was at this council meeting to answer any questions the council may have had. In this bid were three alternate bids in doing areas next to the bid areas. On a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen the base bid of \$35,231 with Alternate #1 for \$9,620 for a total cost of \$44,851 and a 20 year warranty was accepted by the city council. AIF Work to be completed by October 1, 2007

Several weeks ago, Terry Roth, from the MPCA came to Holdingford to do a check on our sanitation department. The city was missing several permits in our files. SEH, our engineering firm had them in their files and we forwarded the information to Ms. Roth. We have been working with the MPCA to get all the permits in order.

The city has been looking at changing the health care provider for eligible city employees. John Holthaus, our health care provider insurance agent, got quotes from Health Partners and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. In going over the quotes, it was decided on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded Lloyd Rausch to go with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. AIF Coverage with Blue Cross/Blue Shield will start in August.

A surge protector was talked about for the new well monitoring system. Avon Electric recommended that there not be a surge protector on it. What is there is sufficient. Mayor Schmit will check with the insurance company to see if the boards that were blown will be covered by the insurance.

There will be a civil defense siren put up at Veteran's Park that has a rotating sound for emergencies. Cost estimate for installation and equipment from Granite Electronics is \$1,998.15. We did not have this item specifically in the budget for this year, however, it will be covered under the Parks budget. Lloyd Rausch made a motion, seconded by Dick Paggen to accept this bid. AIF In addition to this the city would like to transfer the light on the old pole to the new one.

There will be a public hearing on Monday, August 13, 2007 before the regular council meeting for hearing public comments on the Adult Establishment Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance and the Subdivision Regulation Ordinance. The public hearing will start at 7 p.m. We encourage the public to come and view these ordinances prior to the public hearing. Copies are available at city hall. A motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to hold this public hearing. AIF

Senior dining participants have requested that the \$100 monthly fee for use of the city center and kitchen be waived. No action was taken on this request.

Two bids for re-tarring part of the city streets came in. Herman Ebnet had requested three bids, but only two companies responded. Hardrives from St. Cloud quote was \$16,311.60; Tri-City Paving, Inc. from

Little Falls had a quote of \$12,764.00. A motion was made by Mike Odden seconded by Kim Ebnet to accept Tri-City Paving bid for \$12,764.00. AIF It was noted that Tri-City does the road repaving for Holding Township.

Three conditions were put in place before the property where the old well is will be transferred to Louis Walz. 1. Eddie Opatz is to give the city proof of insurance before demolishing the building. 2. Herman Ebnet gives his okay for demolition. 3. The expense of the demolition of the building, including removal of the cement slab will be Louis Walz's expense. When these three criteria are met, the property will be transferred. They are not to disturb the test wells in any way, however. This motion was made by Ernie Schmit, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

The city council went over the Administration portion of the MN Basic Code of Ordinances and made several minor changes.

Building inspector question came up. The city has been hearing quite a few complaints on the inspector. The city clerk will be compiling a short survey for past building permit holders to get their input before proceeding further with this issue.

Liquor Store water softener installation came up. Manager Pat Meier would like to hold off on this to see how the store does financially this year.

It was noted that Herman Ebnet has ordered the two signs for down at the ball park, the speed sign and Children at Play sign.

Gerard Wentland will be pouring the cement slab for the skateboard park in the next couple weeks. It will be down at the south end of Veteran's Park, where the old ice rink used to be.

A city employee has asked that they be able to contribute to a 457b tax deferred tax plan through the city. It would involve the city clerk to make a change in their pay schedule. A motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet to allow them to do this. AIF

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

After adjournment, there was a closed meeting on a personnel issue. There was no decision to be made because of this meeting. It was information only.