

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
June 11, 2007

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, Louis Walz, Dennis from SEH, Dan Fiedler, Cyril Ebnet, Jon Lentz from Stearns County Sheriff's Dept. Councilman Dick Paggen was absent.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ernie Schmit at 7:05 p.m.

Motion to approve payment of checks was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Motion to approve minutes from May city council meeting was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Motion to approve minutes from Local Board of Appeal and Equalization from May 10, 2007 with correction on dollar value on Louis Walz property was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Liquor store report was given by manager Pat Meier.

		June 11, 2007	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
MAY	2007	\$ 31,272.15	GROSS RECEIPTS, MAY	\$31,272.15
APRIL	2007	\$ 25,828.04		
MAY	2006	\$ 27,819.20	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 101354.36
Lottery'07 May		\$ 465.96	'07 GROSS	\$ 132,626.51
'07 YTD		\$ 2,198.07	07 EXPENSES	\$ 141,160.66
GT BANK		\$ 8,242.18	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 2,198.07
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ (6,336.08)

The municipal liquor store will be having a Game Day on Saturday, June 30th. See attached flyer for more details and how to sign up. Pat Meier and Pam Voss will be meeting with Mayor Schmit and Lloyd Rausch to go over liquor store hours, etc.

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief, Pat Meier. So far this year there have been 34 incident calls. Breakdown is 4 to Brockway; 10 to Holding; 15 to City of Holdingford; 4 to Krain and 1 to Two Rivers. There was no financial activity in the truck fund, \$11,157.78. They will close the FEMA grant after all invoices have been received and paid. Xcel Energy had a wire down on June 10, 2007 due to the high winds at Co. Rd. 9 and Cedar Street. Fire Department was at the scene for several hours. The old radios taken out of the fire trucks have a FCC license until 2012. Pat asked if the city could use them. They will utilize a couple of them. The radios will have to be deprogrammed before being put to use in the city.

Sno-Flyers are willing to donate \$5,700 for a cutter (for car extractions) for the rescue crew and also \$3,500 for a Ram. A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden to accept the donations from the Sno-Flyers for the purchase of both the cutter and Ram. AIF

The Fire Convention was held in Brainerd this past month. Five people from the fire department went. Will have a report for the council at the next meeting. Lloyd Rausch said that Dorine has learned a lot, with more to learn.

Mayor Ernie Schmit gave his report. See full report at end of meeting minutes.

Jon Lentz introduced himself as the new liaison from Stearns County Sheriff's Department. He is replacing Joe Litchy. Two items from the council were brought up to him. One being speeding vehicles at the corner of Co. Rds 9 and 17 early in the morning, from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. The other issue is cars speeding on Prairie Street, going up on the Pedestrian walkway of Prairie Street. Lt. Lentz said he would look into both of these. He will be coming to the council meeting once a quarter. The next time he will be here will be the September 10th council meeting. If any citizens have anything they would like to talk to him about, they are invited to attend this meeting.

Cyril Ebnet has requested a beer license for the softball park for the summer. A motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to allow the beer license at the ball park. The cost of the beer license is \$93.76. AIF

Scott Lange informed the council of the roof repair estimates made by Steve Robinson of SEH. Scott will get bids on the first priority repair, that being the office area, Community room and vestibule of the city hall. Mayor Schmit wants a 20 year warranty on the work that will be done. Scott will have the bids by the July meeting for the council to review. The council also wants to have references

checked before awarding the bid to a contractor. A motion to go ahead with the bids and repair was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Dennis, from SEH engineering office showed the council how the ARC Reader works with the digital cartographic data mapping that was done last summer. The city can get the software for this mapping free, but Dennis' time will be charged for his installing it on our computer. We will also get the CD's for this that our tech person can install it on other city computers. Mayor Schmit signed an agreement with the county that we would not sell, copy or reproduce this information for use other than that for which it is released. Mike Odden made a motion to approve up to \$400 for labor to put this info on city computers, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. Voting yes was Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, voting no was Kim Ebnet. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to pay \$150 for photos of the 6 sections of aerial views of the city. Voting yes was Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, voting no was Kim Ebnet. Motion carried.

Dan Fiedler, the city's insurance agent, showed the insurance savings for the city for the Municipal Liquor Store. Going with the company, The InterAgency, the city will realize a cost savings of about \$6,000 per year. The coverage rates are the same as with LMC, our current carrier. In addition, there is no additional charge for the municipal to hold outdoor events, such as Holdingford Daze, with InterAgency. There is an additional charge with the LMC insurance. Motion to accept The InterAgency premium for \$3,996.40/year was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF Dan will cancel the LMC policy and instate The InterAgency policy for the city.

The city clerk's office was notified by the Alcohol and Gambling Department of the State of Minnesota that the maximum license fee for Sunday liquor is \$200. The city will be reimbursing TK's Restaurant and the American Legion \$112.50 each for this overcharge.

Getting the noxious weeds under control here in the city was discussed by the council. It was decided that the city will purchase its own sprayer and weed killer, rent a 4 wheeler to put the sprayer on and do the spraying by the city maintenance crew. A motion was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to purchase the sprayer equipment for the city. AIF

The American Legion made a donation to the city of \$3,987.77. Of that, approximately \$800 will go to pay for their portion of the band for Holdingford Daze, \$300 to the Garden Club, \$1,000 for Veteran's Park upkeep. The rest will go to the city for its use.

The skateboard park was discussed. The Eagle Scout, Andrew Piasecki, who is heading up this project, sent a letter to Mayor Schmit, letting the council know he is done making the skateboard jumps, etc. Andrew has also gotten a donated piece of skateboard equipment from Tim Berscheid, which Andrew modified for the park. Two Rivers Enterprise also donated steel for this park. He has asked The Youth Shelter Supply skateboard shop in St. Cloud to do a demonstration for us at the Holdingford Daze celebration. He will try to incorporate this in our celebration.

Andrew has requested the cement slab be enlarged from 30' x 40' to 30' x 50'. There were three bids that came in for the cement slab. Since there are changes made for the skateboard park area and the size of the slab, Mayor Schmit will contact all three bidders of these changes: enlarging the slab, and location of the slab, so they may rebid. Once this is done, the council, on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden, approved for Mayor Schmit to accept the lowest bid. AIF The slab will be put at the north end of what was the old ice rink at the south end of Veteran's Park. There is ample room for it there.

Mayor Schmit informed the council that the variable drives for Well #3 will be installed sometime in the next week.

Avon Electric submitted a bid to rewire Christmas tree lights from the old Xcel power pole (that caught fire last week) to a new Xcel power pole. New equipment to meet code also needs to be installed. A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to accept Avon Electric bid of \$1,298 to do this repair and replacement of equipment to get it up to code. AIF

Grass cutting during the summer takes up a significant amount of the maintenance crew time. It was discussed that the maintenance crew time can be better spent on other city projects so the council decided to hire this out. Phil May has been approved by the council to run the John Deere mower. Mayor Schmit will talk with Mr. May about this. A motion was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to hire this out at \$8/hour. AIF

Mayor Schmit brought up that the Lion's Club would like a bingo/raffle gambling permit for September 9th, the Lion's Club community wide picnic. To keep things equal, the council wants a member of the Lion's Club to come before the council to request this. This permit was tabled until then.

Fire Department Relief Association and general meetings are held the second Thursday of each month.

Louis Walz inquired as to when the monitoring wells will be closed. Mayor Schmit noted that Xcel Energy needs to do some finishing work before the land can be transferred.

Two signs: the Children at Play and Parallel Parking signs at the north end of the ball park need to be replaced. The city clerk will inform the maintenance crew about ordering new signs for there.

Overgrowth of trees is starting to obstruct intersection clear vision, especially at Co. Rd. 9 and Co. Rd. 17. Anyone who has trees and/or shrubs that are obstructing intersections need to cut them back.

Motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to adjourn meeting. AIF. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor Schmit gave each of the council members and the city clerk a chapter of the Ordinances for them to go over. They are to give their input as to changes at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Statz, City Clerk