

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
March 12, 2007

Present at the meeting: Dick Paggen, Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Pat Meier, John Holthaus, Ron Hylla, Gary Lange.

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

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

Motion to approve minutes from February 12th, 2007 meeting was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Liquor store report was given by manager, Pat Meier.

		March 12, 2007	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
FEBRUARY	2007	\$ 22,834.09	GROSS RECEIPTS, FEB	\$22,834.09
JANUARY	2007	\$ 25,634.55		
FEBRUARY	2006	\$ 26,260.73		
			PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 25,634.55
				\$ 48,468.64
GAMBLING			07 YTD EXPENSES	\$ (50,753.42)
FEB '07		\$ 464.05	YTD NET PROFIT(LOSS)	\$ (2,284.78)
'07 YTD		\$ 1,004.12	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 1,004.12
GT BANK	3/01/07	\$ 7,048.23	TOTAL REVENUE (LOSS)	\$ (1,280.66)
8 MO. CD	2/15/07	\$ 10,000.00 @ 5.25 APR		

The Liquor Store is planning to have bar bingo. They need to have a non profit organization to run it. He also talked about outdoor music. He has gotten bids on a water softener. The council encouraged him to go with the best price, etc. Gary Lange inquired why the store needs to be open at 8 a.m. where most other liquor stores do not open until 10 a.m. or noon. Pat said some days he gets more customers during that time than at other times during the day. The council asked Pat for the fixed costs of running the store on a typical day. Pat thought it was around \$1,000/day, but that included sales. The council is looking at what the fixed costs are to operating the store.

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief, Pat Meier. So far this year there has been 13 fire/rescue calls through the month of February. Brockway, 2; Holding, 3; City, 5; Krain, 2; Two Rivers, 1. There was no activity in the Truck Fund other than a \$40,000 CD was taken out for 8 months at 5.25 APR. Balance, including interest in the Truck Fund is \$11,157.78. He talked about IC training. There is a Lake Region school in Morris on March 31st. Three out of four new firefighters will be able to get FFI certification.

There is a Fire Relief Association seminar on April 12th in St. Cloud on pensions. The mayor, council and city clerk will also be attending this, as they are on the Fire Relief board. Council liaison, Kim Ebnet will also be attending.

Township annual meetings will be Tuesday, March 13, 2007, at 8:30 p.m. Either Pat or Steve Ebnet will be attending.

Grant: for '06 they will be ordering radios this week.

Grant: for '07 the council made a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to proceed with grant application for FEMA for 2007. AIF It needs to be completed in early April.

Pat requested that five people be allowed to go the fire convention, instead of four. If the Fire Department is within budget, the council okayed this.

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

Well #2 is working well. They will make the switch from #1 well to #3 well after the snow and mud is gone.

Braun Intertec has requested funds from the Petro Fund on behalf of the city for clean up costs to a fuel spill by Well #1 several years ago. Costs to the city for cleanup have been around \$18,475. Ninety percent of that is \$16,626. The city should be reimbursed about that amount. The city has been working with Braun Intertec to submit this request.

The bulk plant properties the city sold to Dick Paggen and Gerads Oil has been completed. Options to use these funds was discussed. Options included repairing manholes, storm sewer repair, sidewalk repair. The council decided to repair ten of the worst manholes. Herman is to get more information on repair materials.

Ed Ehrlichmann has a house he would like to move into the city. The council talked about this at a meeting in November, 2004, but was tabled at that time. Information from that meeting from the city engineer was looked at by the council. Ernie is to write a letter to Mr. Ehrlichmann asking specific questions on the property, water/sewer installation, etc. They tabled this until the council has more information.

Ron Hylla representing the Booster Club came before the council requesting a renewal of their lease on gambling at the Liquor Store and TK's restaurant. A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden to approve the gambling lease by the Booster Club at the Municipal Liquor Store in Holdingford. AIF

A motion was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to approve the gambling lease by the Booster Club at TK's Restaurant. AIF.

Ron also requested a waiver on the 10% that has been given to the Equipment Fund be transferred to the project they are doing now, restoring the gym floor at the high school. The council will consider the waiver, no decision was made at this meeting.

John Holthaus, our health insurance carrier provider gave the council an update on the medical coverage by Medica for city employees. This years' benefit is increasing by 10.5%. The average in the industry is 12%. No change in policy was made by the council for the employees.

Mayor Schmit told the council there is federal money available through grants on putting in storm sewer ponds and/or filters for the city. He has also requested funds from the South Two River Watershed district that has been disbanded and the money given to Stearns County. The commissioners have stated they would like to see the money from STRWD stay in the area from where it came from. Mayor Schmit has written a letter to the county requesting some of those funds for the storm sewer ponds/filters. A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden to have the mayor go ahead in applying for the grant money from the federal government.

Sewer cleaning was brought up. With redoing some of the manholes, this was tabled for now.

Home rehab was brought up. This program is for lower income level homeowners to do improvements on their home, much like the program several years ago when we had the new water tower put in. Brenda Engelking is working with the mayor on this. More on this in the Mayor's report.

A motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet to send one or two maintenance people to the LMC Safety and Loss Workshop on April 12th in St. Cloud. AIF

Resolution 07-03-12-01, Resolution Adopting the MN Historical Society of City General Records Retention Schedule was passed on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF This resolution brings Holdingford into compliance with our records and the retention time for all areas according to MN Stats. 412.151, 235L.12 and 138.

Crack filling our streets was brought up. The maintenance department is recommending we do not crack fill streets this year. Most of the streets don't need it and the ones that do are so bad that crack fill would not do any good. Maintenance would like to bring in a black top machine to overlay the bad streets and also lay tar around some of the manholes that the snow plow is hooking on. Okayed by the council.

Lawn tractor needs to have preventive maintenance. The maintenance department wants to take it to Mies Equipment for maintenance. Cost should be around \$200 plus parts, if needed.

Clerk asked for time off to do a humanitarian trip to Mexico this summer from July 31 to August 10. Approved by the council. Clerk will be in email contact almost daily with the city, should anything come up.

Schlenner, Wenner letter in the council packets informs the council of accounting law changes for the city.

Liquor Store revenue (or lack thereof) was discussed. The council again wants to have a fixed cost list to show actual costs to the city. The mayor and council liaison will be meeting with the manager to talk over this issue and others the council has with the Liquor Store.

A motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Mike Odden to adjourn was made at 9:35 p.m. AIF

Respectfully submitted by Victoria Statz, City clerk.