

City Council Meeting Minutes and Public Hearing on Floodplain Management Ordinance (Approved)
March 12, 2012

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, Pat Meier, Keith Hommerding, Louise Winkler, Jen Statz, Dave and Lori Barron, Jeremy Freudenrich.

Mayor Ernie Schmit called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

The council went over the Floodplain Management Ordinance for the public. Council discussion followed. Having this ordinance in place for the city enables home owners who are in the flood plain zone will be able to obtain Federal Flood insurance. No comments from the public came forth. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Mayor Ernie Schmit called the regular council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion to approve the Floodplain Management Ordinance was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Motion to approve checks was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Lloyd Rausch AIF

Motion to approve bank reconciliation for January 2012 statements was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Motion to approve electronic transfers, debit card purchases was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to approve minutes of the February, 2012 council meeting was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Motion to approve workshop minutes held on Feb. 27. 2012 was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief, Keith Hommerding. There is \$44,430.50 in the truck fund. The Bulldog II tanker has a small leak. Welding is needed and will be provided by one of the retired firefighters. One firefighter has resigned due to conflicts with work schedule. Radios for the F.D. have been redone for bandwidth.

The F.D.Relief Association annual breakfast served around 770 people and should bring a profit of around \$2,500.

Saturday, March 31 there will be a controlled house burn starting at 8:30 a.m. This is in conjunction with the St. Cloud Tech School to provide fire fighter training for our department and several other area fire departments.

Friday, May 4, 2012 there will be a mock crash training at the high school. They also just completed training for ice/water rescue.

Two new people have passed the background checks and have previously been approved by the council as new firefighters for the Holdingford area. The department is open for another applicant.

Maintenance Department report was written up by M.D. supervisor, Jeremy Freudenrich. They have worked out a plan with Albany to use their sewer jetter in emergency situations for an hourly rate. The M.D. donated an old chlorine tester to the high school. This one still works, but is outdated for city use.

Scott Lange asked for approval for pay application #6 for Larson Excavating on the Street Project for \$59,074.41. Motion to approve was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Approval of pay application #7 for Rice Lake Construction on the Wastewater plant for \$36,025.43 was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Scott requested authorization for Phase II bids of the Street Project with approval from Rural Development on what can be in the project and also authorization for bids in what can't be approved for in the project was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Easements will be needed from several residents before approval of part of the Phase II project can go forward with RD. Scott will be writing up a cover letter with the drawings for the council.

Tim Berscheid came before the council asking if the city can do anything to help with the final layer of tar that needs to be put on Ridge Way road. He went over the punch list with the council. Several items have been completed, but there are several that need to be done.

Sue Marstein gave a report on her attendance at the conference of the MN Municipal Beverage Association. She came back with several ideas for improving the aesthetics and personal interaction with customers. She also had information on how to possibly improve revenue.

Liquor Store report was given by manager, Pat Meier. Gross revenue for February was \$30,438.25, expenses, \$27,360.91. With YTD lottery included L.S. revenue is in arrears \$712.10 for the year. Coming events, there is Sunday car racing on TV as is NCAA basketball and baseball.

There will be a meat raffle Friday, March 16th.

Dart League is finishing. Tuesday is bingo and Friday \$1 beer. Pat requested information on having a remote liquor license during H.D. for across the street in the open area and for down at the tractor pull. He stated that the Commercial Club has decided that the parade will be at 7 p.m. this year.

The charge for bulk water sales was discussed. Currently the cost for rates other than city use is \$40/1,000 gallons. Motion to table this until the next meeting was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Resolution 12-03-12-01, Reestablishing Precinct and Polling Place was approved on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF. This resolution needs to be redone every time census is taken and redistricting is made.

Gerard Wentland is willing to sell his ten acres of land that adjoins the city property at the north end of town, next to our wastewater treatment plant property. The city has hauled its sludge on this property in the past and wants to continue doing so. His asking price is \$37,000, but is willing to sell for \$35,000 cash. Motion to buy the property for \$34,000 was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF. If he turns down this offer, motion was made to pay \$35,000 made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF Financing will come from the Liquor Store CD of \$10,000 and General Account. Sue Marstein asked that if the L.S. needed the CD for improvements in the L.S. other money would be available from the city.

After purchase, the city will be annexing this property into the city. Motion on this was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF The city will be renting this property out for cropping by requesting bids for a 3 year contract. Motion to approve renting out property was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

With Moonshiner's Restaurant closing, there was discussion on their past due account on water and sewer. Mayor Schmit will be looking into this.

There are currently 13 antennas on top of our water tower. The city clerk will look into how many towers belong to Stearns Comsis and how many belong to Xtratyme.

Sue Marstein brought an article from the Morrison County Record for advertising in their Summer Visitors Guide. The city clerk will be sending information on our new campground to them.

The council talked about setting up a city planning commission for restoring our downtown area. A meeting has been set up for Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m. here at the City Center. Anyone from the community is welcomed to help plan for the future for our city.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk