

City Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)  
September 10, 2007

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Louis Walz.

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

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

A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen to approve the August meeting minutes. AIF

Liquor store report was given by Mayor Ernie Schmit in the absence of the Liquor Store manager.

		September, 2007	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
AUGUST	2007	\$ 31,279.64	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$31,279.64
JULY	2007	\$ 41,497.75		
AUGUST	2006	\$ 30,789.48	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 207,009.32
Lottery'07 August		\$ 355.37	'07 GROSS	\$ 238,288.96
'07 YTD		\$ 3,512.76	07 EXPENSES	\$ 241,236.15
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	(2,947.19)
GT BANK		\$ 9,556.87	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 3,512.76
			BAND REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,333.00
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 1,898.57

For the next council meeting, the mayor is requesting what the inventory is in the basement of the liquor store. Pat is to give the council a report on it. There was discussion as to what is in place if the liquor store does not meet the goals that were set up earlier this year

Fire Department report was given by Mayor Ernie Schmit in the fire chief's absence. There have been 63 calls so far this year. The truck fund has \$11,208.98 and there is a \$40,000 CD that is coming due in October. The cutters and spreader was purchased with donated dollars from the SnoFlyers \$5,700 and the Fire Relief Association \$4,000. There was service to a pump, tools and oil bought for \$267.66. The Bulldog I tanker was taken to Ramler Trucking for servicing \$220.75. There is one accident to be billed out. The fire chief will be getting the township percentages for the EMV tomorrow for budgeting purposes.

Two potential firefighters were interviewed and they are looking for one more volunteer firefighter.

Mayor Ernie Schmit gave the Mayor's Report. See complete details at the end of these minutes.

Two bids came in for cleaning out the rest of the sewer lines at the north end of town. Ritter and Ritter came with a bid of \$1.20/foot with cleaning of calcium buildup of \$250/hour. Infratech came in with a bid of \$1.20/foot also with calcium cleaning of \$200/hour. Several references were called and got good reports from all who were called. Infratech and Ritter and Ritter have done a good job in the city's they have worked in.

The calcium build up cleaning was recommended not to be done until such time that new liners can be put in the sewer lines. On a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden, Infratech will be hired to do the sewer cleaning work up to \$6,000. The council is looking at \$5,000 for the complete job, but if Infratech is close to being done, then the council is willing to spend up to the \$6,000 to get the north end of town cleaned out.

The returned building inspector surveys were gone over. The mayor will be talking with the building inspector that does Avon to see what he does for each permit, how much oversight he gives to each permit. Then the mayor and a council person will talk with Nancy Scott about the results of the survey.

Central Minnesota Home Rehab was discussed. The City of Holdingford has a little over \$92,000 for home rehab, but in order to get federal dollars we are working with the city of Upsala and Holding Township to boost home rehab in our communities. These dollars can only be used for home rehab, commercial updating and rental entities. The city cannot use this money for any of its own buildings. We will try again next spring/summer to do a home rehab application with Central MN Housing Partnership (CMHP). The application alone will cost the cities around \$5,000. In order to have a better chance at getting the federal grant dollars, there needs to be greater involvement of all three communities.

The Old Maintenance Garage was brought up for discussion again. Mayor Schmit will get some estimates to fix up the garage and then approach those interested in renting the building to see if they want to do the repairs.

The covered bridge to be built over Two River River was discussed. The Lion's Club has done a tremendous amount of work getting this project put together. They are looking to the city for its approval of the project. On a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch, the council has agreed to the Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with the U.S. Army Reserve (APPENDIX H (General Release of Liability, Hold Harmless, and Indemnification Agreement)). AIF

On a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet the council has agreed to APPENDIX G (Statement of Non-Competition with Commercial Sources); the City of Holdingford, MN has requested the 367<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion to perform certain construction activities. AIF

On a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden, the council has agreed to APPENDIX C (Sponsor Letter of Request for Assistance) that requests the assistance of the 367<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion to construct a shelter over a bridge within the city limits. AIF

Mayor Schmit informed the council on the city center's roof repair. The air exchanger above the kitchen needs to be lifted in order to put the new roof under it. It was found out that the air exchanger has been wired wrong. It will be corrected. There is an extra cost to have the air exchanger lifted, put a small slant on the roof for water run off, etc. of about \$1,000 - \$1,500. That amount will be added to the total cost of the roof repair.

Kim Ebnet made a motion to pay for material and labor to this point on the roof repair in the amount of \$69,000, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF The final payment will be after repair work is done and the city gets a written 20 year warranty on the work done.

The city received two bids back on abandoning Old Old Well #1 and closing the three monitoring wells in that area. Traut Wells came in with a total bid of \$5,225; Thein Well came in with a bid of \$4,656. Thein Well from Spicer, MN will be doing the closing of these monitoring wells and completing the abandonment of Old Old Well #1 this fall on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Training session for Local Board of Appeal and Equalization was brought up. Lloyd Rausch will be taking the training this fall. Gary Grossinger from Stearns County will let us know when the training session will take place. Mike Odden made a motion, seconded by Ernie Schmit for Lloyd to take this training. AIF

The council voted that CD 20924, (\$40,000) the Fire Department special truck and equipment fund, be rolled over again to another 8 month CD on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

The council voted that CD 20925, (\$10,000) the MN State Lottery Acct, be rolled over again to another 8 month CD on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF. Both of these CDs are due the beginning of October, 2007.

Helping Hands has asked the city if they can put up a sign advertising the surrey bike rentals on the back of one of the benches at the Wobegon Shelter. The council suggested the signs be put on the parking posts in the Wobegon Shelter parking lot for better exposure to the public.

The city council went over the 2008 preliminary budget for the city and Fire Department. Only a couple minor changes were made to the budget. Motion was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Mike Odden to accept the preliminary 2008 budget for the City of Holdingford. AIF

Public hearing on the proposed budget and tax levy has been set for Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. before the regular city council meeting on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

October 4<sup>th</sup> there is a Leadership training session at the Initiative Foundation in Little Falls. Council members Kim Ebnet, Lloyd Rausch, Mike Odden, and Mayor Ernie Schmit will be attending. They will leave city hall around 3:15 p.m. for the session that is from 4 – 9 p.m. in Little Falls.

The council asked that business owners who have buildings on Main Street please keep the weeds cut in front and back of your business places.

The city clerk will not be in the office on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted:  
Victoria Statz, City Clerk