

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
August 11, 2008

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Pat Meier, Louis Walz, Jeremy Freudenrich, Sue Marstein, Louise Winkler, Scott Lange, Marie Heitzman and family members.

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

Motion to pay all bills was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Motion to receive bank reconciliation was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to accept electronic transfers was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Motion to accept the July, 2008 minutes with correction was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Motion to approve the May 8, 2008 Board of Appeal and Equalization minutes was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by Manager Pat Meier.

		August, 2008	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
JULY	2008	\$ 48,334.06	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 48,334.06
JUNE	2008	\$ 32,031.40		
JULY	2007	\$ 41,497.75	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 181,759.14
Lottery'08 June		\$ 468.77	'08 GROSS	\$ 230,093.20
'08 YTD		\$ 3,691.50	'08 EXPENSES	\$ 226,277.57
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ 3,815.63
		\$	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 3,691.50
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	Band Reimbursement	\$ 1,440.00
Total	\$15,129.57		TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 8,947.13

Events planned for the Liquor Store include a Game Day on Saturday, Sept. 6, the band of Timmy H. on Friday night, Sept 19th. Bathroom area remodeling progress report; there is a drawing, but prices were not all in yet to St. Rosa Lumber. Will be discussed again at the September council meeting. Yellow Dog media was discussed. Council will wait and see how other liquor stores in the area are faring with this kind of advertising.

The Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief, Pat Meier. There have been 66 calls so far this year, 8 in Brockway, 14 in Holding, 35 in City, 7 in Krain and 2 mutual aid with Avon. The truck fund has \$17,687.61 plus interest, and the \$40,000 CD. The Fire Department budget meeting is set for Thursday, August 14th, at 5 p.m.

The council approved on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to have 2 people go to Fire Fighter I course in Rice. AIF

The EMT refresher course for Pat Meier was approved on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Thursday, Aug 14th at 7 p.m. there will be a fire truck demo at the Fire Department.

A motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Dick Paggen to have the F.D. apply for up to \$3,000 50/50 match grant from the DNR. This will be used for replaceable product, such as hose, etc. AIF

There will be a Chief's conference in St. Cloud, October 16-19. Cost will be \$160/person. Motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet to approve this convention expense. AIF

By-laws for the F.D. was discussed. Council person, Kim Ebnet wants to see completed by-laws and job descriptions by the December council meeting.

Mayor Ernie Schmit gave his report. See end of minutes for complete details.

Motion to upgrade the pay temporary bartenders got paid for Holdingford Daze from \$6/hour to \$8.50 was made on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

There was discussion on weed control in front of businesses in the downtown area as well as back up help for the city clerk.

Scott Lange presented the bid package for sidewalk repair to the council. There are three areas of repair in this bid package, Plymouth St. 2 areas and 2nd St; these three areas will be as one bid. Scott will check with Jody at Stearns County for Co. Rd. 17 sidewalk in front of Jon Halverson and Marie Heitzman residences, because of safety issues. Pulling \$50,000 from General Reserves was discussed as well as using the Petro Fund reimb. the city received earlier this year. The area of Cedar and 2nd St. can wait for now because of budget restraints.

Scott Lange will also work up a separate bid for Washington St from Main St to 3rd St. and a short area by Co. Rd. 9 on Washington. Kim Ebnet made a motion to go ahead with these bids, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Louis Walz is to submit a copy of his original invoices for payment of concrete sidewalks he put in last year.

The city clerk presented the council with a Public Works contract for delinquent utility bills. In the event residents cannot make full payments on their utility bills, they will be able to set up a payment plan with the city clerk in lieu of having their water shut off for non payment. Motion to accept this contract form was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

At the request of the Mayor, Mike Odden designed a logo to be put on all city vehicles, using the covered bridge image. It was presented to the council for approval. A quote from Everything Signs, to make the signs will be brought to the next meeting.

Tree trimming of trees growing in the easements and that are causing safety hazards was discussed. The city clerk is to send a letter to residents who have trees that are causing safety hazards. If the residents do not take care of trimming them, the city will have it done and charge the home owner ½ the cost. Motion to this effect was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Election judges: From Krain Township; Judy Gerads, Diane Laing, Sandy Meer, Carol Tembruell, Rebecca Gerads, Bob Hare, Sharon Weyer. From City of Holdingford; Laverne Woodylla, Jeanette May, Marcy Schmidt, Florence Voss, Ruth Odden and Vicki Statz were approved on a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. Dick Paggen, Kim Ebnet, and Lloyd Rausch voted for, Mike Odden abstained.

The council went over the first half year of budget vs. actual. Budgeting sessions for 2009 for the Maintenance crew will be Monday, August 25th, the Fire Dept. Thursday, August 14th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.