

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
August 9, 2010

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Pat Meier, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, David Drown, Louise Winkler, Louis Walz, Roy Granberg.

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

Motion to approve checks was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to approve bank reconciliation for July statements was made by Mike Odden seconded by Sue Marstein. 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 June 14, 2010 regular council meeting was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Motion to approve minutes of the special workshop council meeting of July 26, 2010 was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by manager, Pat Meier. YTD revenue is \$209,323.67, with expenses YTD \$221,253.55. Lottery YTD is \$2,358.33 which leaves a deficit of \$9,571.55. Part of this deficit comes from the large liability insurance that was due last month. Also, there is still quite a high beer inventory. Pat asked the council if the L.S. could switch phone companies from Qwest to DTI for a three year contract. There will be a savings for the L.S. if they change companies. Council gave their okay on this. Budgeting for the L.S. will be on August 24th at 5 p.m.

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief Pat Meier. There have been 44 calls so far this year. Brockway; 13 calls; Krain, 2 calls; Holding, 10 calls; City, 17 calls; 2 mutual aid calls. The F.D. was awarded \$9,400 for training of firefighters for this next year. HazMat training is now going on; this training is free. Budgeting for 2011 will be Wednesday, August 18 at 6 p.m. here at city hall. Town clerks will be informed of this so they can let the township supervisors know about the budgeting meeting.

Monday, August 2nd, the new fire truck went into production in Lyon, S.D. It will be 6-8 weeks to finish. The officers will be interviewing two new potential firefighters. F.D. plans to send the rescue one project back to Willow River.

Motion to send two fire trucks to Avon for ISO (Insurance Service Organization) testing was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

City contribution for Fire Relief for 2011 budget will be \$5,433; for 2010 it was \$4,400.

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

Old Business

Scott Lange gave a quick update on our water/sewer/street project. He also introduced David Drown, financial advisor for the City on the funding of this project. David walked the council through on how the funding sources, rebates, grant \$\$ will work together to give the city the best rate for this whole project. To review the costs: Sanitary Sewer \$2,482,400; Water \$1,598,500; Storm Sewer \$371,300; Streets \$680,800; Curb and Gutter (assessed) \$126,000 for a total project amount of \$5,259,000. Payment will be through two loans: one 39 year loan at 2.375% and one 25 year loan at 4%; a grant of 25% (578,943). The council is very appreciative of the work Rural Development, SEH and David Drown Associates have been doing to keep our project moving forward.

Council went over a final version of the Surfsotha five year contract for antennas on our water tower. Contract will be sent to Steve Woller for his approval and signature.

Motion to approve the Stearns County Criminal Prosecution Contract for 2011-2012 with Janelle Kendall, Stearns County Attorney was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF Contract will run from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2012 for a cost of \$3,000 per calendar year.

New Business

Roy Granberg, resident, came before the council with a request to reduce his utility bill. After some discussion, this was tabled till the next meeting on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF He is to do more checking with different entities addressed in the letter sent to him before the meeting.

Robin and Larry Johnson came before the council and presented their Business Plan as new owners of TKs Restaurant beginning September 1, 2010. They will be calling this restaurant Moonshiner's Still & Grill. Approval for their liquor license will be given as soon as the city receives a clean report from their background check with the State of MN.

On a motion from Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet, the Middle Sauk River WaterFest request for donation for their activity next May 11, 2011, was turned down. AIF

Principal Life/Dental Insurance was tabled till next meeting when there are new contract numbers on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

The council requested another bid for replacement of toilets, privacy wall, etc at the Wobegon shelter bathroom. This matter will be taken up at the next meeting.

Council set dates for budgeting; Fire Department will be Wed. August 18th, 6 p.m.; Liquor Store, August 24th, 5 p.m.; Parks, Maintenance, August 18th, 3:30 p.m.

Getting a security camera at the Wobegon park shelter was discussed. In view of all the vandalism that has gone on this summer, the council approved cameras to be put in on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF They approved the bid from Safeguard Security, Inc from Cold Spring for \$1,429.72.

Clerk Items:

City hall will be closed Tuesday, August 10, 2010 because the city clerk will be working as head judge at the primary election.

She reminded the council of the special meeting August 23, 2010 to open bids on the demolition of old grocery and hardware stores.

There has been a problem with dogs running loose around town. The clerk is to send a letter to families whose dogs have been picked up more than twice explaining that if their dog is picked up again, the matter will become a misdemeanor and will be turned over to Stearns County sheriff's department.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. A closed meeting followed for discussion on union negotiations. Closed meeting adjourned on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk of Holdingford