

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)  
December 13, 2010

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, Gary Lange, Louis Walz, Jeremy Freudenrich, Dave Yurczyk, Karen Solarz.

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

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

Motion to approve bank reconciliation for October statements was made by Sue Marstein seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

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

Motion to approve minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by Mayor Schmit in the absence of the Liquor Store manager. Gross sales for November was \$28,374, expenses were \$26,219.59 for a net gain of \$2,154.41. YTD lottery is \$3,931.93. YTD deficit for Liquor Store is at \$730. Coming events: the fall dart league has started, there is now sign up for the January to March dart league. The liquor store is open on Sunday's for football, video horse racing, Friday, December 17. There are events planned for December 27 and the 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be open at noon on December 25 and January 1.

Fire Department report was given by Mayor Schmit in the absence of the Fire Chief. So far this year there have been 73 calls. The new fire truck is here and the Fire Dept. volunteers have been busy stocking it with the items needed. Payroll for 2010 was more than budgeted due to several firefighters getting paid for previous training. Six new fire/rescue personnel were added on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF They are: David Barron, Steve Horvath, Aaron Jungles, Chad Koopmeiners, Matt Philippi and Kyle Pundsack.. We had income from two grants: a \$2,000 DNR grant and a \$2,500 Agstar grant for training and hoses. David Yurczyk is setting up a training committee. Supplies and wiring on the #700 was donated by Sunset Electric, Tony Kotton. A sincere thank you to him for his donation.

The old fire truck, a 1975 Ford F800 is going to be sold. More information on this will be at the January, 2011 meeting. The annual Fire Board meeting will be the last Wednesday of January, the 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. city hall.

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

### Old Business

Scott Lange gave an update on our pending water/wastewater project. Final plans are at Rural Development pending their approval.

Motion to pay Geise's Tiling and Excavating, Inc for the demolition of the old grocery and hardware store (\$44,400) was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Karen Solarz from the Commercial Club came before the council to request a gambling permit to raise money with five meat raffles for Holdingford Daze. They will be held at Moonshiner's Still and Grill on January 7, 2011, February 11, 2011, March 18, 2011, April 1 and 29, 2011. Resolution 10-12-13-1 was passed on a motion made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

2011 budget and tax levy was reviewed by the council. Property tax levy is at \$258,663. Motion to approve the 2011 budget was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein.

Surfsota contract has not been finalized. The city clerk will look into why they have not yet signed it.

Residents who have gotten yard clean up letters and have not done so yet will be referred to the city attorney by early next year.

New Business

Quotes for a new locator, (\$799), pallet forks for the skid loader (\$650), welder (\$1,479.72) was given to the council for consideration. After some discussion a motion to approve was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. Voting yes Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, voting no, Sue Marstein.

Quotes to remove a pile of cement, debris, etc need some clarification so this was tabled till the January meeting on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Clerk gave dates that the city office will be closed: December 16, 17, 20, 21.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

A closed meeting followed for union contract information. Closed meeting adjourned on a motion by Sue Marstein, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Statz, City Clerk