

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
February 8, 2010

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Scott Lange, Pat Meier, Jon Lentz, Robb Berscheid

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

Motion to approve checks was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

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

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

Motion to approve minutes of the January 11, 2010 regular council meeting with corrections was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Liquor store report was given by Pat Meier, Liquor Store manager. He did not get the print out from the city clerk, so he did not have a complete report to give the council. March council meeting will have current information.

Fire dept report was given by Fire Chief, Pat Meier. There has been ten calls so far for this year, five in December. There is \$97,064.70 in the truck fund.

Motion to accept Heiman bid on new fire truck for \$160,523 was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Pat Meier investigated finance options for new truck, found USDA Rural development had lowest interest rates (4%) and also possibility of partial grant, Mayor to check into this, and other loan options.

The Fire Department will be sending 3 fire fighters to fire fighter II.

Renew gambling permit for Fire Relief was made by Sue Marstein seconded Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Old business

Scott Lange gave an update of utility project, preliminary review came back, have deemed approximately \$700,000 worth of items ineligible for grant and low interest loan program. This will make monthly payments approx. \$170,000 per year. Council discussed options of either reducing size of the project or adding a monthly capital charge to utility bills. A motion was made by Mike Odden seconded by Lloyd Rausch to have a public hearing, Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. to discuss the above and for curb and gutter. AIF

Scott said he would charge approx \$900 to set up bid for old hardware store and grocery buildings teardown. He also stated it would not break his heart if we did not have him do it. Council asked Mayor to check with HRA and other options.

Council ok with getting bids for roof repair on bathrooms and shelter. Mayor is to ask for the bids.

Motion to discontinue 'cash in lieu', that any employee who is currently receiving payments under the 'cash in lieu' program will continue to do so but the City will no longer accept employees into the 'cash in lieu' program; when all employees currently receiving 'cash in lieu' are no longer employed with the city, this option becomes obsolete was made by Kim Ebnet seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Motion by Kim Ebnet seconded by Sue Marstein to make changes in employee manual in regard to HCSP; "The City will provide its current and future full time employees participation in the Minnesota State Health Care Savings Plan. AIF The change reflected is from "all" employees to "all full time" employees only (40 hours/wk).

New business

Lt. Jon Lentz came to the meeting to discuss law enforcement in Holdingford, took questions from the council, about why Freeport dropped contract, and what amount of policing is done with a contract versus without a contract. He talked of other communities that contract with Sheriff's Department and how many hours they contract. He will meet with Holdingford Daze committee this spring to iron out problems we have had in the past. Hours contracted for the City of Holdingford: \$45/hour, 11 hrs/week

Robb Berscheid came to talk about adding lights to the volleyball court and setting up leagues. Wiring for lighting is already there, just need poles and lights, approx \$2,000 for wood poles; \$4,000 for nice steel poles. Motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet to go with steel poles and City would pay \$2,000 from Antenna fund towards poles if Robb can raise other \$2,000. AIF

Motion by Mike Odden seconded by Sue Marstein to continue Urban Conversationalist. AIF

Okay for Cheryl Foster to have Board of Equalization meeting Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m. city hall.

Motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein to block Main Street from Washington to Co. Rd. 17 and Plymouth from Main to Second St. for car show during Holdingford Daze. AIF

Mayor Ernie Schmit asked the council for a gambling permit for the Commercial Club, Pot of Gold, Holdingford Daze. Motion to allow this gambling permit was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Council was informed that Krain Township will use voting machines for their election in March.

Kim Ebnet reported on SHIP, (Statewide Health Improvement Plan) has to do primarily with nutrition, some schools in program, some cities can be.

Motion by Kim Ebnet seconded by Sue Marstein to take accident insurance coverage for volunteers through League of MN Cities Insurance Trust, Accident Plan for city volunteers. AIF

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Victoria Statz
City Clerk of Holdingford