

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
July 14, 2008

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Pat Meier, Louis Walz, Jeremy Freudenrich, Jerry Schueler, Sue Marstein, Duane Shabel, Cyril Ebnet, Ken Buttweiler, Louise Winkler, Dan Kobylinski, Jeanette May.

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

Motion to pay all bills was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Motion to receive bank reconciliation was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Motion to accept electronic transfers was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to accept the June, 2008 minutes was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by Manager Pat Meier.

He asked the council to have the city lawyer look at a potential contract between the Municipal and Yellow Dog Media Network for electronic communication, etc. The clerk will be sending the information to the city lawyer to have it checked out.

Tuesday night bingo is going well for the municipal. There are events being planned for later this summer and into the fall.

		July, 2008	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
JUNE	2008	\$ 32,031.40	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 32,031.40
MAY	2008	\$ 37,826.94		
JUNE	2007	\$ 32,885.06	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 149,727.74
Lottery'08 June		\$ 353.50	'08 GROSS	\$ 181,759.14
'08 YTD		\$ 3,222.73	'08 EXPENSES	\$ 182,284.22
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ (525.08)
		\$	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 3,222.73
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	Insurance	\$ 3,161.00
			TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 5,858.65

Fire Report was given by Fire Chief Pat Meier. There has been 52 calls so far this year. \$16,238.47 is the balance in truck fund. Holdingford Municipal share of States unclaimed lottery is \$1,449.14. Pat inquired when budgeting for the F.D. will be. Mayor Schmit told him it will be in August. Pat would like to have a couple representatives from the townships at the budgeting process. Mayor Schmit welcomed that idea. He will let Pat know when budgeting will take place.

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

Ken Buttweiler came before the council to share with them what he is willing to do to improve a tax forfeited property, R58.33675.044. Ken will check into what the cost of the wetland mitigation of the property would be, by inquiring at the county level. He will get back to the council on what he finds out.

Cyril Ebnet asked to have the 3.2 liquor license he gets for the softball association to be lowered from \$150. He is only open three evenings a week for four months. The original motion to have the license at \$150 was not rescinded by the original motion maker, Mike Odden. Last year, 2007, the 3.2 liquor license was for \$93.76. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Dick Paggen to half the \$150 fee to \$75. Cyril has the softball vending open 3 days a week, 4 months out of the year. AIF

Mayor Ernie Schmit talked about the Home Improvement Grant available to cities who partner with another community. Swanville has expressed interest in doing this. There is some money available for Holdingford residents through a previous home improvement project. SEH, the city's engineering firm, is working with both cities to come up with a grant proposal. More will be known about this at our next council meeting. The city clerk has been keeping a list of persons interested in having some home rehab done. If there are any interested residents who have not contacted the city clerk about this, they may do so by calling city hall, 746-2966 to get on the list.

Stearns County Criminal Prosecution contract for 2009-2010 is coming up for renewal. The council approved the next two year contract at a price of \$3,000/year on a motion from Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

The Lions Club came before the council to apply for a gambling permit for September 7, 2008 to have bingo and a raffle. Motion to approve license was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Maintenance men, Jeremy Freudenrich and Jerry Schueler came before the council to explain the 6 piece cordless tool set they would like to purchase for their use in the city. It will be purchased from Headley Hardware. Motion to approve by Dick Paggen, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Sidewalk repair for the city was discussed at length. Jerry Schueler and Jeremy Freudenrich have drawn up a sketch of areas in the city that most need sidewalk repair. Those areas in most need will be done first. Motion to write up a proposal by our city engineer, Scott Lange, for sidewalk repair and given to local contractors; to include in their bids the use of fiber mesh and without fiber mesh on each section till the money runs out was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Mike Odden suggested that the city also get a bid from Jon Halverson on putting in a new sidewalk from the Wobegon Trail to the eastern edge of his property. Jon is willing to donate his time to put this in. The council is believing this is a safety feature, given the amount of traffic on Co. Rd. 17 and the location of the trail, etc. There is not place to walk now except on the road.

There is a small oil leak in the John Deere tractor owned by the city. It was suggested that the maintenance men first try an additive to see if that will stop the leak. If that doesn't work, the men are to take it in to Mies Equipment to have a look at it. If they don't have to pull the motor to get at the leak the cost will be somewhere around \$300, if they have to pull the motor, the cost will be around \$600.

It was suggested by the council that Mike Odden design new decals for our city equipment as well as new city letterhead.

Liquor Store renovation was discussed. Arnie Berscheid will be at the next meeting to explain proposals in this renovation and give a proposal as to best improve the Liquor Store.

During the renovation discussion a motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden to have the manager clean up the cigarette butts and any other debris outside the liquor store as well as take care of the flowers out front on a daily basis. AIF This motion was rescinded by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden at the August 11, 2008 council meeting. A motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden that someone of the Liquor Store employ will daily clean up the cigarette butts, etc. AIF

The maintenance men were asked to paint the west and south sides of the Liquor Store, choosing a color that will complement the rest of the building. The maintenance men said they would be able to get to it in the next few weeks.

Jerry Schueler brought up the Old Maintenance Shop and what to do with it. Some discussion followed.

The council asked the city clerk to put together a list of all donators that have given to the city during the year.

The council revised Public Works Chapters of our ordinances: 50-53.

Mike Odden made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.