

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)  
July 12, 2010

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Pat Meier, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, Gordon Sjaaheim.

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

Motion to approve checks was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Motion to approve bank reconciliation for June statements 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 June 14, 2010 regular council meeting was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to approve minutes of the June 19, 2010 emergency council meeting was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

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

Liquor Store report was given by manager Pat Meier. Gross expenses for the year are \$184,717.70. Gross revenue \$167,641.19. Lottery YTD is \$2,003.20. We are at a net loss of \$15,073.31. It needs to be noted that the liquor store has a good amount of stock on hand so there is a deficit of revenue temporarily. The street dance brought in approximately \$11,000.

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief Pat Meier. So far this year there has been 41 calls; Brockway 12; Holding 9; Krain 3; and the city 17. The truck chassis has been paid for which leaves in the Truck Fund a balance of \$12,055.64. There was a \$200 donation made to the Junior Olympics softball tourney from the Fire Relief Association.

HazMat training is going on now every Thursday evening at city hall. Brett Repulske is working with Pat on the rest of the financing of the new fire truck. Pat has put in for grant \$\$ for Firefighter II training, Tier II and Defensive Driving.

#### Old Business

Scott Lange gave the council an update on the water/sewer/street project. All paperwork was sent to Washington DC on June 23<sup>rd</sup> awaiting approval. We will hear of its approval via one of our congress people which should be in five or six weeks.

Scott talked about the engineering agreement for the water/wastewater with Rural Development. Motion to approve Mayor Ernie Schmit to sign off on it when it comes was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

There will be a special meeting to hold a workshop going through details of the street project that goes along with the water/sewer improvements. Motion to hold a special meeting on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

A special meeting for Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010, 7 p.m. was approved on a motion by Sue Marstein, seconded by Lloyd Rausch for the opening of bids on the demolition of the old grocery store and the old hardware store. AIF

#### New Business

The council approved Resolution 10-07-12-01, a bingo permit for St. Hedwig's Centennial celebration on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Approval of the list of election judges: Laverne Woidyla, Vicki Statz, Jeanette May, Marcy Schmidt, Florence Voss, Diane Konsor, Louise Winkler, Audrey Lange, Kathy Gerads, Kathy O'Hara was made on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Council approved to put in the 2011 budget \$250 donation to the Initiative Foundation for their work in Central Minnesota cities. Payment will be made in January of 2011. Motion made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF Cities are allowed to make contribution to regional or local organizations that promote, advertise, improve or develop the economic and agricultural resources of the city per MN Stat. 469.191.

There has been a request to put a stop sign at the end of the alley behind west end of the church parking lot of St. Mary's and on the north side of Holdingford Gas and Grocery. HG and G has made changes to their property that now allows cars to drive on the east side of their store and proceed down either alley from their store. Approval of two stop signs was made on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF These signs will need to have the reflectivity finish on them to be in compliance with the state.

The city campground was discussed by the council. It was suggested that putting in a campground could be part of the H.I.P. (Holding In Partnership) Initiative Foundation process. With the use of the Veteran's Park for camping during Holdingford Daze and other times there has been a growing need for a small campground in this town. All available electrical units at the park were in use during Holdingford Daze.

The south end of town (from Spring St on south), sewer lines will be jetted this year. Motion to have Infratech do up to \$5,000 worth of jetting was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

City employee health insurance was discussed. Ron Scegura had given the council a quote from Medica that was less expensive than the Blue Cross/Blue Shield quote for 2010-2011. Motion to have Ron Scegura do the city's health insurance with Medica was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

The clerk gave a report on the city wide clean up day in June. The cost of the clean up was more than what was collected from the residents, (\$689) so we will be putting in for the Stearns County Score Grant Funds to cover the rest of the cost (\$546.94). Payment will come to us in December, 2010.

Also brought up was the men's bathroom of the Wobegon Park Shelter; the stool needs to be replaced (does not flush correctly) along with a better urinal with a privacy wall. Vandalism in this shelter also has become a concern. This building is a great addition to our park system and needs to be cared for. The clerk will contact Stearns County Parks Department to see what can be done for better security.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF Regular meeting adjourned at 9 p.m. A closed meeting followed for the council to discuss union negotiation items.

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk