

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
March 8, 2010

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Pat Meier, Vicki Statz, Gordon Sjaaheim, Louise Winkler, Louis Walz, Gary Lange, Bryan Remer, Cheryl Foster.

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

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

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

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

Motion to approve minutes of the February 8, 2010 regular council meeting with corrections was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Liquor Store report given in part by Mayor Ernie Schmit, until Pat Meier came to the meeting. A sign on the back side of the Liquor Store is now up for snowmobilers and summer bikers informing them of Liquor Store hours, etc.

Gross revenue for Feb. 2010 \$25,379.45, YTD gross \$51,418.57. Expenses for YTD \$53,740.66, Lottery YTD \$746.59 for current net loss YTD \$1,575.50. March events there will be a meat raffle, March 19th, from 7 – 9 p.m. as a fundraiser for Fire Relief, then there will be live music from 9-close. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening.

The Liquor Store received notification that the Dram Shop insurance will not be renewed with its current carrier. Dan Fiedler, the city's insurance agent is looking into this and will report back to the council. There has been damage done to the men's restroom. It was brought up that whoever caused the damage needs to do restitution to the Liquor Store.

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief Pat Meier. There has been 15 calls so far this year, 14 of them medical and one false alarm. Truck fund has \$97,115.12, including the interest from 12-31-2009. DNR generators are available to the FD, for sewer plant, well house, firehall, etc. Chief Meier will be going to the Safety and Loss Workshop in St. Cloud on April 27th.

There will be the annual Fire Department Relief breakfast, Sunday, March 14 at city hall starting at 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Cost for adults is \$6.50 presale; \$7.00 at the door. Children pay at the door.

Motion to support the Fire Department pursuing a FEMA grant for 2010 was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF May be used for air packs.

Mayor Schmit stated he has sent all the necessary paperwork to Brett Repulske from Rural Development for financing of the new fire truck.

Dorine Rausch has put all the fire department classes and other pertinent dates on our community calendar.

Mayor Schmit gave his Mayor's Report. See end of minutes for details.

Bryan Remer, from SEH reported on our water/sewer/street project. Soil borings have been done, there are a couple areas that the soil is contaminated, one with an unknown contaminate as this time. Tests are being done to determine what needs to be done.

Next Monday, March 15, 2010 will be the city's public hearing on our water/sewer/street project. **All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to find out specifics of the project and for the council**

to hear from the public on this process. SEH, our engineering firm will be on hand to answer specific questions.

Bids for reroofing the Veteran's Park shelter and the south bathroom were opened. Three bids were received. Scotty's Exteriors, LLC came in with the lowest bid for asphalt shingles of \$4,234.50. Scotty's included dumpster costs. Other bids: St. Rosa Lumber \$4,059.39 without dumpster charge; Voss Builders, \$4,100 without dumpster costs. Motion to approve Scotty's Exteriors, LLC to do the repair was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Bids to tear down the old Holdingford Meat/Grocery and Hardware Store will be sent out within the next month. Mayor Schmit will be putting the bid together.

Cheryl Foster, Stearns County Assessor for our area shared with the council the sold homes in our city from this past year and our tax capacity for 2010. She will also be on hand for our Board of Equalization meeting on Tuesday, April 13 here at city hall, 7 p.m. Anyone who has a question about their 2011 property valuations may come and comment. Please call Cheryl to set up an appointment so she may have all your pertinent information with her for the meeting. Her phone: 320-656-3682.

Council was asked to have someone as their representative for union negotiations with the Maintenance Department union. No one wanted to be the representative for the council. Mayor Schmit will get in contact with the LMC (League of Minnesota Cities) to see if they do representation. Otherwise, our city attorney will be asked to be the negotiator for the city.

Lloyd Rausch commented on the cracks that are happening on the new sidewalks on Washington St. Also, it was brought up the new sidewalk on Plymouth has cracks in it also. This will be looked into.

Gary Lange asked about street lights along their road. Being they are in the city they are requesting one or two lights along their road.

The clerk brought up that Janelle Kendall will be at the April council meeting to go over 2009 prosecutions for the city. The city clerk will be out of the office March 17,18, 19 to attend the MCFOA (MN Clerks and Financial Officers Association) conference at the St. Cloud Civic Center.

Motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk