

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
November 10, 2008

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Louis Walz, Sue Marstein, Jeremy Freudenrich, Jerry Schueler.

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 Dick Paggen. AIF

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

Motion to accept electronic transfers and debit/credit cards was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Motion to accept the October, 2008 minutes was made by Mike Odden seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by Mayor Ernie Schmit in the absence of Manager Pat Meier.

		October, 2008	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
OCTOBER	2008	\$ 30,923.70	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 30,923.70
SEPTEMBER	2008	\$ 28,743.18		
OCTOBER	2007	\$ 29,043.15	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 291,389.18
Lottery'08 October		\$ 499.12	'08 GROSS	\$ 322,312.88
'08 YTD		\$ 6,723.54	'08 EXPENSES	\$ 310,261.90
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ 12,050.98
		BANK \$ 6,723.54	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 6,723.54
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	Band Reimbursement	\$ 1,440.00
'08 CD	\$10,000		TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 20,214.52

The Timmy H. music night went well and so did the Halloween costume party on Oct. 31.

There will be music here on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, November 28th, the band Corridor.

Pat would like the council to consider allowing the Liquor Store to bundle the phone, internet and TV with US Cable.

Fire Department report was given by Mayor Ernie Schmit in the absence of Fire Chief Pat Meier. There have been 86 calls so far this year; 10 in Brockway, 18 in Holding, 48 in City of Holdingford, 8 in Krain and 2 Avon. The truck fund has \$42,684.67, with the passbook \$24,728.09. We are considering starting to bill River Birch because of all the calls, many of which could be handled with their own medical personnel. Payroll for our fire/rescue personnel will be next month. The cut off date is Nov. 30 for payroll. We will be seeking approval of the payroll at the December council meeting.

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

Approval of Wentland Construction invoice for \$31,696 for the completion of Washington St. sidewalk repairs was made on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Aggressive Masonry, Inc will have to redo the slope at the end of the sidewalk by the alley and Corky's Car Wash. Jerry Schueler commented that Aggressive may get to it this week if weather permits. Aggressive will also form up an angle to the squared off steps in front of Heart and Sol. Motion to pay his invoice of \$24,145.94 was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF This motion was made with the understanding that the ramp would be done this next week; otherwise the council will withhold \$500 until this handicap slope is completed.

Water distribution from our well to the tower was discussed along with the condition of our water mains. Keeping control on the right amount of chlorine in the water is getting harder to adjust because of the old pitted water mains. Jerry Schueler suggested the council start preparing for updating our system to larger water mains. The council can look at grant \$\$ for this undertaking and for a pressurized filtration system at our well. Motion to search for grant \$\$ to replace water pipes and filtration system was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

The council reviewed the list of property owners whose utility bills are delinquent more than 90 days. Payments that have not caught up by November 20th, will be put on the owners' property taxes. Motion to approve was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Trying to catch loose dogs in the city and protection from bites from these dogs is becoming a problem. Jerry is to check into some kind of dog protection when trying to capture these dogs. Tri-County Humane Society yearly contract will be coming up in December. The city clerk requested a change in the contract to read only dogs that are loose and do not have a dog tag on it to be taken to the humane society, (not cats, and other domestic animals). Motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Mike Odden for approval for dogs only on the contract with Tri-County Humane Society. AIF

The snow plow truck received a DOT sticker for this year, however, Ramler Trucking said this would probably be the last year they can approve it for DOT. There was an oil leak, but has been taken care of. The box is rusting away. Boyer Ford Truck Co. is where Albany got their dump truck from. They get newer ones in occasionally. Jerry will be talking with them to have them look for the City of Holdingford for a new dump truck. Motion to authorize the Maintenance men to spend up to \$50,000 on a good used truck was made by Ernie Schmit, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF.

This year there will not be county training for the Local Board of Review. We have two council members already trained for this review in May of each year.

Motion to suspend the regular meeting to go into a closed meeting was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Motion to open up regular meeting again after closed meeting was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

The end of Jeremy Freudenrich's probation period was up as of November 5, 2008. Motion to move Jeremy from probation to full time and to move him one step up from I0 to I1 was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Council members worked on updating Ordinances 93.25 to 150.01.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Respectfully submitted by Victoria R. Statz