

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
October 14, 2008

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Pat Meier, Louis Walz, Sue Marstein, Louise Winkler, Cyril Ebnet, Shirley Graveen, Jeremy Freudenrich.

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

Motion to pay all bills was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

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

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

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

Motion to accept the September 29, 2008 special meeting minutes was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by Manager Pat Meier.

		September, 2008	LIQUOR STORE REPORT		
		GROSS RECEIPTS			
SEPTEMBER	2008	\$ 28,743.18	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 28,743.18	
AUGUST	2008	\$ 32,552.80			
SEPTEMBER`	2007	\$ 28,112.71	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 262,646.00	
Lottery'08 September		\$ 469.71	'08 GROSS	\$ 291,389.318	
'08 YTD		\$ 6,224.42	'08 EXPENSES	\$ 286,630.38	
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ 4,758.80	
		BANK	\$ 6,224.42	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 6,224.42
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	Band Reimbursement	\$ 1,440.00	
	'08 CD	\$10,000	TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 12,423.22	

There will be live entertainment on Saturday, October 25th, and a Halloween costume party on Friday, October 31st.

Fire Chief Pat Meier gave his monthly report. So far this year there has been 77 rescue calls. Ten for Brockway Township, 17 for Holding Township, 40 for City Of Holdingford, seven for Krain Township and two for Avon. The Truck Fund has a CD for \$42,684.67, passbook savings \$24,728.09. Fire Relief donated \$500 to the city Fire Department to help cover the cost of having the Safehouse here at the Community picnic and for the kindergartners class. Training applications for firefighters for Stearns County, five for 1st Responder Initial, and for the Region, five 1st Responder Initial, one EMT Refresher. From the Region there may be up to a \$700 grant if the F.D. spends \$1,400 on training. Half the training would be paid for at the Region level. There are two accident invoices to be sent out. Pat is still gathering information on them.

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

City sidewalk repair: cement work on Washington St. is complete, there is landscaping and tar replacement to be finished. That should be completed this week. Plymouth St. repair has taken longer. There were three layers of cement in front of the Laundromat that had to be removed. The cement also went under the street tar, so there is a little more repair on the street. Second St. sidewalk repair will be done next spring. It is getting too late in the fall to do this strip of sidewalk.

Raises for the city council and mayor were discussed. Lloyd Rausch made a motion to increase the council salary by 7%, seconded by Mike Odden. Kim Ebnet, Lloyd Rausch, Mike Odden voted yes, Dick Paggen abstained.

Motion to set a moratorium on new outside biofuel burners until an ordinance can be set in place was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Cyril Ebnet gave his report on Veteran's Park shelter rental for the season. Cyril is in favor of handing the rental of the shelter over to the city and the council to find another person to be in charge of it. Discussion followed as to how this would be handled. Season revenue for the park shelter came to \$970.

Discussion to have our utility person have a city cell phone was discussed. It was decided to not go ahead with this at this time.

Summer Rec program put on by the Holdingford Schools was discussed. The city budgeted \$3,000 for this program. Motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet to pay for the city's part of the program. Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch voted yes, Dick Paggen abstained.

With the upcoming retirement of our Maintenance Supervisor, Herman Ebnet, discussion on Jerry Schueler's appointment to supervisor was discussed along with a pay scale change. Motion to move his pay scale from I-5 to J-3 was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Kim Ebnet. Motion failed to pass. Motion to move his pay scale from I-5 to J-4 was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch with a re-evaluation in 2 months. Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch voted yes. Dick Paggen abstained.

Lisa Pfannenstein requested to have the alley just to the east of her property on Plymouth St. (the old laundromat) closed during four days of a craft sale she will be having Thursday Nov. 5th to Saturday Nov. 8th, 2008, for safety reasons. On a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden the council gave approval to close that alley during the day hours she will be having the craft sale. AIF The city maintenance men will provide her with road blocks or cones.

Stearns County League of Cities will have their next meeting at the new St Cloud Library for any council member who may be interested in attending. Meeting is Tuesday, October 21, 8 p.m.

The council tabled discussion of Ordinance updates to next meeting.

Dick Paggen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk