

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)  
October 5, 2010

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Pat Meier, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, Gordon Sjaaheim, Louise Winkler, Gary Lange, Steve Woller, Traci Ryan.

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

Motion to approve checks was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Motion to approve bank reconciliation for June statements was made by Lloyd Rausch seconded by Sue Marstein. 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 September 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by Mayor Schmit. Gross for September \$29,817.30, expenses \$33,658.01 with a net deficit of \$14,317.11. YTD lottery is \$2,971.17. Coming events: dart league for anyone interested, sign up at the Liquor Store. We will be open on Sunday's with football, racing, baseball. We will be having a meat raffle on Friday, October 22, and a Halloween costume party/contest on Saturday, October 30, and on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Tim Haus will be playing.

Fire Department report was given by Mayor Schmit. There has been 63 calls so far this year; 1 from Albany Township; 17 Brockway, 23 City of Holdingford; 1 Elmdale, 18 Holding, 3 Krain. Truck Fund has \$15,113.82. Received a Fire Grant of \$9,400, that is not spent yet. Firefighter II class is planned for 2011. We had 6 people interviewed for new fire/rescue recruits and five were asked to proceed. DHS and Agstar grant as been applied for but no word on awards yet.

The potential loan the Fire Department was hoping to get through Rural Development did not pan out as we had hoped. Pat Meier had information from First Bankers, a company out of Indianapolis, IN on financing of the new fire truck, as did David Drown Associates. After some discussion it was decided to do the two following resolutions in case the First Bankers did not work out. Mayor Schmit will be doing more checking on this in case the First Bankers would yield a better deal.

Traci Ryan from David Drown Associates came before the council explaining the bond issue for the new fire truck. We are looking at a GO Equipment Certificate. Resolution 10-10-05-01 Determining the Necessity to Issue \$168,500 General Obligation Equipment Certificates, series 2010A was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Resolution 10-10-05-02 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$168,500 General Obligation Equipment Certificates, Series 2010A was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF David Drown Associates will be following through with this process if the First Bankers does not work out.

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

Scott Lange reported on progress of the water/sewer/street project. Scott is working with our city attorney on legal right of ways for several areas in town. One area will have a "Quiet Title Action". Motion to go ahead with the triangle area west of the Wobegon Trail with the "Quiet Title Action" was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Scott is looking to have the bids ready for approval by the November council meeting, and bids in to award at the December council meeting. We will have to get 3 quotes for the new water meters. Maintenance and City Clerk met with one supplier so far, with two more being scheduled. The wastewater plant, Scott is waiting for comments back from Rural Development. River Birch water valve has been replaced and will be paid for by the project.

Safety in the water tower was discussed. Two bids were received to change the top of the tower to make it more safe. Two Rivers Enterprises had the low bid of \$2,360 to put a landing about 6 feet below the cover. Then also adding ladder on one of the sides to the top. Motion to accept the Two Rivers Enterprises was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Motion to accept Mies Outland bid for new John Deere 1445 31 HP Diesel with a 72" mow deck with a hard cab lawn tractor for \$12,850 with trade in was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Surfsota antenna site agreement is up for renewal. Steve Woller explained why he didn't want to see the contract changed from what it is now. His customer base is low. Council agreed to extend this contract for one year with two changes: to give the city Surfsota's highest speed and to pay for electricity at the rate of \$75/month. Motion to this effect was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF This contract will be revisited in one year. Steve Woller will also check the hook up to the community computer in the city hall.

Illuminae Artists have asked to use the city hall from December 13 to 20. Motion to allow this was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden at a charge of \$50. AIF

Mayor Schmit let the council know that MDH has extended its deadline for a well head protection plan to September, 2013.

Clerk Item: Letters were sent to three residents to clean up junk vehicles. Lisa Pfannenstien asked to be allowed to close the alley between her Briar Patch store and Stoermann's during her fall craft sale, Nov. 4-6 during her open hours. Council gave her permission.

Liquor Store manager, Pat Meier came to the meeting. Council challenged him on what his plans are to get the L.S. into the black. The council offered many suggestions. Motion to put the Liquor Store manager on notice to have the liquor store income after inventory in a profit, that if there is not a profit there may be a reason for termination of the manager made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

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

Council then went into a closed session for union negotiations. Closed meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk