

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
September 8, 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, Arnie Berscheid, Robb Berscheid, Eric Berscheid, Scott Lange.

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 Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to accept the August, 2008 minutes was made by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Liquor Store report was given by Manager Pat Meier.

		September, 2008	LIQUOR STORE REPORT	
		GROSS RECEIPTS		
AUGUST	2008	\$ 32,552.20	GROSS RECEIPTS	\$ 32,552.20
JULY	2008	\$ 48,334.06		
AUGUST	2007	\$ 31,279.64	PREVIOUS GROSS	\$ 230,093.20
Lottery'08 June		\$ 625.14	'08 GROSS	\$ 262,646.00
'08 YTD		\$ 4,316.64	'08 EXPENSES	\$ 251,299.56
			PROFIT/(LOSS)	\$ 11,346.44
	BANK	\$ 15,754.71	NET PROFIT LOTTERY	\$ 4,316.64
'06 CD	\$10,000	'07 CD \$10,000	Band Reimbursement	\$ 1,440.00
			TOTAL PROFIT (LOSS)	\$ 17,103.08

September 6th was a game day that went well. Sept. 19th there will be a band, Timmy H. There are October events being planned, bands and food. The bingo progressive went out last week so Tuesday bingo may slow down for a short while.

Fire Department report was given by fire chief, Pat Meier. There has been a total of 69 fire/rescue calls so far this year. The Safe House showing at the Holdingford Community picnic went well. Many people went through it. There is \$24,728.09 in the passbook savings for the F.D. relief association along with a CD of \$42,684.67.

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

Scott Lange went over the tab bid sheets for redoing two sections of sidewalks – Plymouth St./2nd St. Curb bid went to Aggressive Masonry with a low bid of \$32,162.20, and an alternate bid for steps with a low bid of \$2,200 on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

The Washington Street sidewalk bid went to Wentland Construction with a low bid of 29,074 on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF Scott went on to say that the final cost dollars will vary somewhat due to total cement used.

The proposed sidewalk on Co. Rd. 17 from the corner of 2nd St. and Co. Rd. 17 to the Wobegon Trailhead parking lot was discussed. Jon Halverson will be doing the labor with the city providing fill and the cement. There will be a five foot wide sidewalk. The tree on Halverson's lawn will have to be removed. A motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Mike Odden, to allow up to \$7,500 for gravel and cement for this project. Mayor Ernie Schmit will be working with Jon to see this project through. AIF

Arnie Berscheid presented to the council a bid for remodeling the bathrooms at the Municipal Liquor Store. There will be ceramic floor and up 4 feet on the walls, then glassboard to the ceiling. Arnie will get bids for the plumbing and carpentry and have that for the next council meeting Total bid for the remodel is \$25,654. A motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to accept this bid. AIF The council set January, 2009 to do this work.

The council was also presented with an estimate for a 30' by 50' addition to the liquor store on the south side. This estimate was \$120,538.40. This was given for information purposes.

Decals quote for city vehicles was discussed. Everything Signs had a quote of \$340 for 8 decals including installation of decals. A motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet to accept this bid. AIF They will be making and installing these decals within the next few weeks.

The city of Swanville has decided not to pursue an HRA housing project for this year. The city of Holdingford is looking to partner with another city or township to obtain grant money for home repairs.

A motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen to allow the Everything Signs/Berkon Outdoors to be erected on the corner of Co. Rd 151 and 4th Ave. So. Holdingford. AIF

CD 21308 Liquor Store gambling money will be renewed for three months, till December, 2008. There will be an additional \$10,000 added to this CD. This renewal and addition was made on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

CD 21326, a motion was made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to do the following:

Starting with \$40,028; (not including interest) in CD 21326

Take - \$37,222 put in General to cover Sweeper invoice from 5/16/08;

add + 15,000 from F.D. for part of their cost of roof repair from 7/28/08;

we will have approximately \$17,806 left on this CD plus interest. AIF

Lawn seeding by the pond area along the Wobegon Trail was discussed. A sprinkler system has been also discussed by the Garden Club and brought before the council as a possibility. Drilling a sand point to get water to that area was discussed. Kevin Feia has submitted to the Garden Club a drawing of what the sprinkler system may look like for that area. On a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Dick Paggen this was tabled until the March, 2009 meeting. AIF

Budget for 2009 was gone over by the council. A motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden to have the levy at \$258,663. AIF There were two changes in the budget – adding \$500 to the Parks Department, Pedals to Petals to make it \$1,000 on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF An addition of \$1,000 for FICA in the Fire Department. A motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Kim Ebnet to accept the 2009 budget with these changes. AIF

Last year Jerry Schueler overhauled one of the pumps and injector for chlorine in the pumphouse. It is no longer working as it should. A motion was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Dick Paggen to put in a new injector pump for chlorine with a cost of less than \$2,500. AIF

Roger Solarz presented a bid to the council for fixing the brick work on the north end of the old maintenance shed. He would spot tuck point, cap chimney for a cost of \$896. Questions if he was bonded or if he would sign a release form before doing the work was discussed. Repairing the roof was also discussed, because the roof is the cause of the brick work failing. Two bids will be brought to the next meeting for roof repair, then a decision will be made on both items.

The council received a copy of utility accounts that are more than 60 days past due. Accounts that are more than 60 days past due by the end of October will be put on the property taxes.

Discussion on the fee schedule pertaining to election judges was brought up by the city clerk. The last election with Krain Township the payment per hour was at \$8 for judges, \$10 for head judge. Krain Township is at this pay scale for this election. A motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Lloyd Rausch to keep the City of Holdingford at the same pay scale as Krain Township. Kim Ebnet, Dick Paggen and Lloyd Rausch voted yes, Mike Odden abstained.

There was a special meeting set up for Monday, September 29th at 7 p.m. to go over ordinances on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk