

City Council Special Meeting Minutes (Approved)  
July 23, 2007

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Dick Paggen, Ernie Schmit, Vicki Statz, Louise Winkler

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

Several questions had come up at the regular council in regard to the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership Rehab. Homes must be brought up to code when getting this federal rehab grant. The average amount spent on rehabbing a home is \$20,000. There is a financial qualification for families to meet. CMHPR will be doing the application process with homeowners to see who meets the financial qualification.

Mayor Schmit will be going to the Holding Township meeting to invite them into the process. The mayor of Upsala will be inviting Elmdale Township into this process also. The job of the city/townships is to get the word out to the residents about this opportunity for home improvements. There will be an informational meeting in Holdingford and in Upsala for this. Upsala will be having their meeting on Tuesday, August 14. The city of Holdingford will be having an informational meeting on Thursday, August 16, at 8 p.m. at city hall.

The city, along with Upsala and maybe other area townships will be going in with Holdingford for this grant process. The application fee of \$2,500 will be split among those cities and townships who are applying for the federal grant. Once the city decides to do this process, we have committed to seeing it through.

There will also be a minimal cost to the city/township for each home that is rehabilitated in that area. The cost is yet to be set. It will be decided once we know who will be involved in this process. An area city set it at \$400 last year and was able to obtain the federal grant. It had previously applied at a lower rate and did not receive the grant. However, the feeling of the council is that with the rehabilitation of these older homes, the resale value will be greatly improved.

Mike Odden made a motion to go ahead with the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership home rehab process, seconded by Dick Paggen. AIF

Holding Heights project was discussed. Mark Rodenwald and Sam DeLeo had met with Mayor Schmit, Mike Odden, Scott Lange, and Vicki Statz on revising the original plat for his development. Mr. Rodenwald wants to have less lots so they will be bigger lots, which means the lift station can be located at the northeast corner of the development, have a smaller lift station, etc. The council wants the new design shown to them before making any final decisions. Mr. Rodenwald had also requested narrower streets with a walkway for pedestrians. The idea of a narrower street was not acceptable to the council.

Mr. Rodenwald will be financing the project himself with no help coming from the city. More information from Mr. Rodenwald will be presented at the next council meeting.

The estimate of \$1,300 for installation of the civil defense siren at Veteran's Park was passed on a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Mayor Schmit then suspended the special meeting to hold a closed meeting.

Discussion was held on an active investigation. Closed meeting was adjourned on a motion by Dick Paggen, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF

The special meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Statz, City Clerk