

City Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
June 14, 2010

Present at the meeting: Kim Ebnet, Mike Odden, Lloyd Rausch, Susan Marstein, Ernie Schmit, Pat Meier, Vicki Statz, Scott Lange, Louise Winkler, Jeremy Freudenrich, Kelly Strand, Dave Yurczyk, Dorine Rausch, Steve Stoermann, Gordon Sjaasheim, Jon Lentz.

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

Motion to approve checks was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Motion to approve bank reconciliation was made by Kim Ebnet seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Motion to approve electronic transfers, debit card purchases was made by Sue Marstein, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF

Motion to approve minutes of the May 10, 2010 regular council meeting was made by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Kim Ebnet. AIF

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

Liquor Store report was given by manager, Pat Meier. Total gross revenue YTD is \$138,719.84, YTD expenses \$138,955.13. Lottery YTD is \$1,603.30, for a total revenue YTD \$1,368.01. There was an alcohol training for all bartenders held for 17 bartenders, June 2 here at city hall. July 10 there will be a street dance. Ramblin' Roads is the band that will be playing. The liquor store will be getting their dram shop insurance from the LMC.

Fire Department report was given by Fire Chief, Pat Meier. The truck fund has a balance of \$101,015.64, including the deposit made in early June. Two grants are done, the FEMA and DNR 50/50. The new fire truck chassis has been delivered to Heiman, Inc. to be completed. Council made a motion to pay for the chassis with Sue Marstein making the motion, seconded by Mike Odden. AIF Cost of the chassis is \$88,960. Training has been ongoing in ethanol, hazmat, defensive driving. It is time for renewal of contracts with the townships. There is a potential new firefighter that will be interviewed soon. A new key pad lock has been installed on the north side of the fire hall. Four firefighters went to the Fire Convention this past weekend. The F.D. has moved the gambling relief meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of each month to allow more training time at the regular F.D. meetings. Attendance by the firefighters is not mandatory at the Relief meetings, however; they are mandatory for the regular firefighter meetings.

Steve Stoermann requested approval by the council for a piece of DNR excess equipment from Willow River. It's an ambulance to replace our Rescue 1. They are told that it will need approximately \$2,300 to fix it up to be usable. It is the same age as our Rescue 1, but has a lot less mileage. Kim Ebnet made a motion to allow this purchase, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF There is a 90 day window in which the F.D. can use it to see if it will fit our needs.

Dorine Rausch gave a brief review of the Fire Convention that was attended by 4 firefighters. They will be doing more hands on rescue training. Next year's convention will be at Detroit Lakes the first weekend in June. Former firefighters who will be acknowledged at their memorial service will be Don Kolb, Melvin Muyres, Dick Paggen. Stearns County Emergency Management July meeting will be held here in Holdingford on Monday, July 26, 7 p.m.

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

Old Business

Scott Lange gave an update on the w/s project. Not much to report other than the engineers and mayor have responded to the review points made by Rural Development. Scott is hopeful that this will be the last of the review process we need to go through before Rural Development will sign off on the project.

Jon Lentz, Stearns County deputy, talked with the council about how Holdingford Daze will be police covered. There will be traffic control before, during and after the large parade. In the evening, there will be five officers on duty to walk the crowd during the street dance.

Surfsota contract was gone over. Mayor Schmit will make changes to the contract and send it to Steve Woller, Surfsota administrator. The council wants to make it comparable with what we are receiving from Stearns Comsis who also has antennas on our water tower.

New Business

Kelly Strand asked the council about reduced sewer rate because of his high usage of water to wash down his equipment, etc. The council said he could put in a sand point if he chose to. They did not act on reducing his utility bill concerning sewer.

On a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Sue Marstein, the council approved a community picnic raffle put on by the Lions Club to raise funds for the picnic, Sunday, August 29, 2010.

The Booster club requested a gambling permit, "Half for Cash" raffle to be held before the Holdingford Daze parade, Saturday, July 10, 2010, on a motion by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

The council approved the request for the Initiative Foundation grant request for the city for \$9,000 on a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Mr. John Koch, attorney for Reichert, Wenner, Koch and Provinzino will be our new city attorney. Mr. Tom Wenner is retiring.

Resolution 10-06-14-01. thanking Mr. Tom Wenner for his years of service to the City of Holdingford was made on a motion by Lloyd Rausch, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

Mayor Ernie Schmit requested that the council move \$50,000 from its General account to the PF Select General account for the future infrastructure funds. Motion made by Kim Ebnet, seconded by Sue Marstein. AIF

City employee medical insurance rates are slated to go up 17% this year. We have two agents looking into other possibilities for rates for our employees. A decision on this will be at the July council meeting.

It was brought up that Pepsi Cola has matching grants that may be of help with getting our skateboard park enlarged for our youth. In the past two years the Holdingford Legion has donated \$2,886 to be used in Veterans Park. On a motion by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch \$2,886 donated funds will be used for the skateboard park revamping. AIF

City wide clean up is this Saturday, June 19, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Scheduled to work from 8-10 is Sue and Kim; from 10 -12 is Lloyd and Mike. Ernie will be there the entire time as will the city clerk.

Veteran's park picnic tables/benches was brought up by Sue Marstein. The council looked at several types of tables/benches and it was set aside for now.

PERA for the council members was brought up by the city clerk. Because of the uncertain economic times, a motion was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Sue Marstein to table this discussion for one year. AIF

Interest in seeing if the ceiling tiles in the old hardware store are salvageable was brought up. The maintenance men will look at the tiles this week to see what shape they are in. If they are salvageable, they will be used in the restoration of the Welna building for the museum. The Welna building may be better known as the Old Maintenance Shop.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Odden, seconded by Lloyd Rausch. AIF Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Victoria R. Statz, City Clerk