

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
June 15, 2009

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, June 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. with members present: Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Jim Poirot, Carroll Behne and Brad Ringnell. Absent, none. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present, City Adm/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the amended agenda, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills and 2009-2010 Club licenses for the Legion and VFW was declared approved.

City Engineer Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk was present with results of the bid opening for the South Manyaska Street project: Beemer Companies \$102,457.40; Taplin Construction \$117,063.92; Svoboda Excavating, Inc. \$129,456.92; Southern Minnesota Construction \$129,378.90. All bids had been reviewed for accuracy and completion, and do not include contingencies, engineering or railroad costs.

Per recommendation of City Engineer Greg Mitchell, motion by Roesler to approve Resolution 2009-08 Receiving Bids and Awarding Contract for the South Manyaska Street Improvement Project to Beemer Companies of Fairmont, Minnesota, second by Poirot. Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2009-08 approved.

City Engineer Greg Mitchell reported on the study results of the west outlet of County Ditch 81, which is submerged in 30" of water and sediment build-up. All manholes are clear, indicating no water backup in town caused by the clog. Elevation shots show five feet of fall from east of City/State Shop to the culvert. As this is located in county right of way, the county engineer has been contacted. Motion by Ringnell to direct the City Administrator and City Engineer to proceed with this project if the County is agreeable, and to work with the appropriate agencies, second by Poirot, carried.

Further discussion was held with Mr. Mitchell regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant project implementation schedule. Bolton and Menk has applied for low interest loans to finance the project and expects to receive word by July or August 2009. Loans would enable the City to avoid bonding costs. Motion by Olson to move forward with the bid process at this time in order to seek competitive pricing, but with a flexible start date schedule for construction, second by Ringnell, carried. Bolton & Menk's agreement for professional services was distributed for council review.

Cindy Ford appeared on behalf of the Civic and Commerce Club seeking approval to landscape and maintain the east and west City entrance signs at their expense. Motion by Behne to grant approval to the Sherburn C & C for the landscaping and maintenance of the east and west City entrance signs as per request, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to honor a request from the Jay Garden Club for financial assistance in the amount of \$100 towards Main Street planter flowers, second by Olson, carried.

Mayor Roesler received a report that railroad ties had been placed on the tracks, and heavy equipment had recently torn out the spur line and railroad stop sign on South Manyaska Street. Public Works Foreman Travis Schuett repaired the road to a safe condition. Councilor Ringnell requested a flag for the City Park and a handicapped parking area on the north side of the shelter.

Administrator report:

- Fairmont Glass & Sign has installed the handicap button at Temperance Lake Ridge.
- A new door has been ordered for the incubator space at the Fire Hall
- Plans were received for the Community Hall restroom; structural information is expected.
- Televising sewer lines has been delayed until such time that jetting can be completed.
- Baptist Church has been torn down and owners are seeking an economical way to remove debris.
- Financial Advisor Shannon Sweeney has advised that any utility rate increases to finance WWTP upgrades be postponed until word is received on the PFA loan.
- Capital Improvement Fund has money available to finance small improvement projects and can be replenished by assessments collected. Bonding for small projects is not feasible because of associated costs and it is only permissible to combine certain like projects.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell cautioned against crack filling the Theatre/Community Hall sidewalk, as this is a tar product that would track in hot weather; City Administrator Letzring explained the modification to the agenda request item form upon which one word was changed for the purpose of clarification.

At 5:55 p.m. Council recessed into closed session to conduct the administrator's review. Regular council meeting reconvened with a motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Behne, carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff