

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING/TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

December 4, 2006

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Members present, Robert Roesler, Jim Poirot, Jerry Jenkinson, Carroll Behne and Brad Ringnell. Absent, none. Mayor Jenkinson presided. Also present, Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Motion by Ringnell to approve the bills for payment, second by Behne, carried.

Motion by Poirot to approve the 2007 cigarette license application from VFW, second by Roesler, carried.

At this time, the Truth in Taxation hearing was called to order with four citizens present. Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff summarized the TNT document prepared by former City Admin Kathy Bailey, which explained and defined Local Government Aid, property tax structure, revenue sources and the levy increase of 10% for fiscal year 2007. There were no questions regarding the document or levy increase; motion by Poirot to adjourn the hearing, second by Ringnell, carried. The budget and levy for 2007 will be adopted on December 18, 2006.

Administrative report:

- Sherburn Fire Department is planning to meet with the townships on December 12th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss future equipment purchases.
- Public Works employees Mark Updike and Travis Schuett will be at wastewater school this week at Maplewood and St. Cloud, respectively.
- Right of way survey stakes for the rebuilding of the South Street ditch were plowed under and have been reset. A bill will be sent for the costs of time and material.
- Boy Scouts are requesting the use of electricity from the former fire hall building during the "Stay at Home for the Holidays" event for their Santa house on the old hotel lot. Request approved.

A review of the Small Cities Grant administration contract revealed that there are funds available for payment of the remaining \$4,196.07 as requested by Vince Robinson of Development Services, Inc. at the November 20th council meeting. Motion by Roesler to approve payment of this amount, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the Post Close Out Duties Service Agreement with Development Services, Inc as presented by Vince Robinson, second by Poirot, carried.

Because the persons involved were not present with information, no action was taken on the use of the former Chamber office for the purpose of Civic & Commerce office and Carlee's Critter Clips dog grooming facility.

Richard Zehms appeared before the council to discuss his ideas for drainage on South Street between South Prairie Street and County Road 13 (70th Avenue).

In other business: Robert Roesler has been approached with a request for painted crosswalks at the City parks; this will be done in the spring. Brad Ringnell reported that cleanup costs from smoke damage at the fire hall totaled \$15,000; insurance proceeds for the destroyed pumper truck totaled \$4000.

Motion by Ringnell to compensate Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff an additional \$2.00/hr for duties performed in the absence of an administrator and until such time that an administrator is hired, second by Roesler, carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried.