

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2010

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2010 with members Robert Roesler, Jim Poirot, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne and Brad Ringnell present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved after questions were answered regarding materials for a television stand at the Fire Hall and a payment to the Farmers State Bank. A resolution accepting the donation of a television will be prepared for approval.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Ordinance 2010-02 Amending Section 901.04 Subdivision 2 (c) Residential District Conditional Uses to Add Residential Group Homes and Attached Administrative Offices as a Conditional Use, second by Poirot. Poirot, yea; Olson, yea; Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Ordinance 2010-02 approved, effective upon publication.

The first reading was held for Ordinance 2010-03 Amending Section 201.01 Council, Meeting, Subdivision 1 Amending the Time of Regular Meetings.

Upon review of the updated Travel Policy implementing modifications for determining mileage and lodging as discussed at the previous council meeting, it was decided to change permissible lodging expenses for over 65 miles distance, and to allow mileage for incidental travel without prior approval.

Discussion was held regarding installation of a 1000-gallon bulk tank for diesel fuel for the WWTP generator and off-road diesel equipment, internal control and protection. City Admin Jamie Letzring will seek estimates for off-road only diesel tank installation. A possible advantage of bulk storage is the prevention of condensation and algae growth in the biofuel receptacle.

Following a brief review of the 2011 budget, motion by Poirot to approve Resolution 2010-24 Adopting a Proposed 2010 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2011 in the amount of \$563,415 and Setting the Date and Time for the Public Hearing to Discuss Budget and Levy, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Behne, yea; Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Roesler, yea. Resolution 2010-24 approved. This levy represents an increase of 11.6%.

Motion by Poirot to set the date of the public hearing on the budget and levy as Monday, December 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., and the continuation hearing, if necessary, as Monday, December 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m., second by Ringnell, carried.

Council was informed that the WWTP project work has slowed and moved indoors until additional machinery and equipment arrives and crops are harvested. Additional equipment is expected to arrive in a week or two; this equipment is in demand as communities take advantage of PFA funding for needed upgrades, according to Bolton & Menk engineer Kelly Yahnke.

An undetected water line that was struck during excavation of West First Street resulted in unexpected water shut off to the entire city. Staff was advised that issues with hitting unknown water services are normal and are resolved as timely as possible. Plans for the direction of certain sanitary lines were changed because of low elevation.

A scheduled city-wide water shut-off occurred today (09/13/10) for the repair of a service line and to install a shut off valve that would isolate the project area. The valve installation was not able to take place, but it has been learned that a firm in New Ulm has the capability of installing a shut off without interrupting water service. Council consensus was to pay the necessary fee to hire New Ulm in order to avoid further water disruption. The East Third and South Street resurfacing project is stalled while contractors wait for equipment repairs. Reclaimed material from the resurfaced streets will be used in alleys and potholes, as well as on certain gravel streets making it necessary to wait for the equipment that will grind the material for this purpose.

In other business, brief discussion was held regarding the alley apron behind City Hall, flooding storm drains, hotel sidewalk repair, stockpiling snow, and cleanout of the county ditch outlet. Mayor Roesler reiterated that the budget will be adjusted before the levy is finalized in December.

Admin report:

- Bolton & Menk engineer Kirk Yahnke reports that the old digester cover at the WWTP is off and almost empty, but cannot be completely drained until fields are available for spreading. The retaining wall near the trickling filter is in, demo is complete on most of the old digester system.
- PFA reimbursements have been submitted for the first two pay requests.
- A meeting with township officials is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Senior Dining Center.

Motion to adjourn by Poirot, second by Ringnell, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk