

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

November 1, 2010

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 1, 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 Poirot to approve the agenda, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes of the October 18 and October 21 council meetings, second by Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Matt Maes, representative of Waste Management, was present to discuss the three-year refuse hauling contract in place with the City of Sherburn that is set to expire on 12/31/10, and interpretation of its language that called for automatic renewal in the absence of a 90-day written intent to cancel. Mr. Maes stated that the intent of renewal was for multiple terms, and the 90-day requirement had not been met. Waste Management is seeking a three-year renewal. Mayor Roesler brought up a number of issues that must be addressed if the City would continue a contract with Waste Management, such as non-response to large trucks damaging residential streets and requests to remove dumpsters, and also the availability of small dumpsters when needed. Council adamantly assured that local Waste Management employees are excellent, and repeatedly go beyond the call of duty. As a cost savings measure, the annual junk day will no longer be conducted curbside, however, a central drop-off site will be selected.

Motion by Ringnell to authorize City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring to meet with Waste Management to put together a contract that will implement the issues discussed, second by Behne, carried.

Temperance Lake Ridge Nurse Director Lisa Lange came before the council to discuss options to remedy the bay windows that continue to leak after replacement in 2004 by Tri-State Construction. Time constraints prevent legal action before further damage is done by the moisture; the building inspector will continue to document any work performed. Motion by Olson to direct City Admin Letzring to contact a local contractor to repair the incorrectly installed flashing as soon as possible and pursue any legal action at a later date, second by Poirot, carried. Council was reminded that an architect will be present at the November 15 council meeting to discuss memory care expansion.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2010-26 Accepting the Donation of a Refurbished Chair Rack from Sherburn Civic & Commerce for Use at the Sherburn Community Hall, second by Behne. Poirot, yea; Olson, yea; Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2010-26 approved.

Councilor Ringnell requested that the Sherburn Fire & Ambulance be allowed to move forward immediately with purchase of the defibrillator that was scheduled for replacement in 2011. Motion by Poirot to allow the ambulance director to research prices for the purchase of a defibrillator, second by Behne, carried. Councilor Ringnell also learned at a regional fire meeting that high security is necessary for water towers in small communities, as they can be a target of terrorist attacks.

Mayor Roesler spoke of the disparity finance meeting he will attend on November 4 about how cities can cut expenses and raise revenues; also, on November 9 he will attend the Department of Agriculture Emergency Planning meeting in Fairmont regarding county response for local emergencies.

Admin report:

- Top aggregate on street project was graded and paving will take place later this week. On-site grading and sidewalk forms are also being done, with driveways to be poured next week.

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- It was learned at a FEMA meeting that no flood recovery money is available for private citizens, and reimbursement funding for cities and townships will be available only for claims in excess of \$1,000.
- The leaf vac discussed at a previous council meeting is no longer available for purchase; MacQueen equipment will stay in contact for similar purchase options.
- Pay equity report is due January 31, 2011 for the period ending 12/31/10.
- City offices will be closed on Thursday, December 11, 2010 for the Veterans Day mandatory holiday.
- Budget and Levy hearing time must be changed to coincide with state law requirements. Motion by Ringnell to change the time of the Budget and Levy hearing to 6:00 p.m. on December 6, 2010, second by Roesler, carried.
- No response has been received from Eric Anderson regarding sidewalk replacement on W First/N Main Street.

Motion to adjourn by Poirot, second by Ringnell, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:00 p.m., at which time council entered into a budget workshop session.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff