

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

August 4, 2008

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with members Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Jim Poirot and Carroll Behne present. Absent, Brad Ringnell. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present were City Adm/EDA Dir Sack Thongvanh and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was moved to the regular agenda.

Kelly Yahnke and Kirk Yahnke were present to distribute and discuss the Wastewater Treatment Facility Evaluation prepared by engineering firm Bolton & Menk, Inc. This study included design conditions, evaluation of existing facilities, recommendations and cost estimates for the plant, which was originally constructed in the 1930s with major improvements completed in 1991. All major components are functioning properly and meeting current discharge standards, however, because of age, the structural condition of the unit processes range from good to poor. Wear parts, vertical centrifugal pumps, piping and valves, and obsolete equipment are recommended for replacement, as well as complete rehabilitation of the secondary clarifiers. The study also suggested that conversion of the digester from an anaerobic to aerobic be considered due to the extensive modifications that are required. Miscellaneous painting and concrete work and repairs are also needed. Preliminary construction cost opinion totals \$630,000-\$710,000 and could be financed by low interest loans through the Public Facility Authority or GO revenue bonds. Implementation of the proposed improvements is recommended within two to three years.

West Fifth Street improvement project is going well, but is behind schedule. Majority of the underground work has been completed, but the substantial completion date of August 8 will not be met. Gas service line leaks were discovered and repaired, street and lot lighting issues have been resolved, and it was learned that a water line on Prairie Street was not located where the maps indicated. Unmapped clay tiles have also been removed, thereby avoiding future underground sinkholes.

Motion by Poirot to pay the bills excluding a bill from D & S Trophies for Fire Department jackets and embroidery pending further documentation, second by Behne, carried.

Fire Chief Bert Schwager was present to request that the Fire Department be allowed to pursue the purchase of a six-wheeler for use in fighting grass fires and conducting rescues in rough terrain. Sealed bids are required by August 8; no action taken.

Motion by Roesler to bring back to the floor the previously tabled motion for the purchase of a radio read meter system, second by Poirot. Original motion for the purchase of radio read meters failed, and bids as submitted by two vendors rejected pending further information on costs and additional equipment available.

Mayor Roesler informed all present that a Support Our Troops Relay will occur on September 6, with ten teams walking across Martin County in three-mile segments.

Admin report:

- Muffin Monster will arrive at the wastewater plant on August 5, 2008
- Sealcoating for 2008 has been completed.
- Senior Dining Center has requested new chairs and two ceiling fans. The fans have been purchased and will be installed by Klima Electric.
- Permits are in place for repair of State Hwy 4 street lights, with the exception of a permit from MnDOT. Location of wiring is still under discussion.

The next budget workshop is scheduled for Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.; the regular council meeting is postponed until Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Behne, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff