

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2008

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, October 20, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Members present, Robert Roesler, Jim Poirot, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne and Brad Ringnell. Absent, none. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Sack Thongvanh and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

In Public Comment a letter was read from Cindy Burnett regarding stray dogs, barking dogs, and dogs defecating on her lawn, and asking what can be done.

Also during Public Comment, Sharon Huse was present to inform the council about the upcoming Shop Sherburn promotion on December 5th and 6th, with home vendors, free movie, Santa workshop, medallion hunt and other special events.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Tom Simmons, Senior Vice President of Public Policy for Midcontinent Communications presented a history of the company and a summary of the many services offered. Mr. Simmons requested passage of the resolution transferring assignment of the cable TV franchise and system from Charter Communications to Midcontinent Communications. Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2008-24 Consent and Approval of City of Sherburn to Assignment of Cable Franchise and System, second by Poirot. Roesler, yea; Poirot, yea; Olson, yea; Behne, yea, Ringnell, yea; Resolution 2008-24 approved.

At this time the Public Hearing was held for the first reading of three Ordinance amendments. Mayor Roesler read Ordinance 2008-03 Amending Section 508.19 Limitation of Ownership, From Three Dogs and/or Cats to Three Dogs and Three Cats, and called for public comment. There was no comment from the citizens present.

Mayor Roesler read Ordinance 2008-04 Amending Section 508.20 Kennels, to State No Kennels Within Corporate Limits, and called for public comment. There was no comment from the citizens present.

Mayor Roesler read Ordinance 2008-05 amending Section 701.06 Subd 4 Parking Regulations to Include Restriction on Winter Parking After Accumulation of Two (2) or More Inches of Snow, and called for public comment. There was no comment from the citizens present.

The Public Hearing was declared closed. Councilor Behne stated that he wished to comment on Ordinance 2008-03, whereby Mayor Roesler reopened the Public Hearing. Councilor Behne stated that he felt the limitation of ownership clause should be changed to *six pets*, which drew objection from Judy Nowak, citing that it could mean six of any animal. Carlee Hunter asked the meaning of the present verbiage, and Bruce Grant commented that he had never heard of any state regulating cats. Ms. Hunter inquired about the limitation on cats. Carol Grant suggested the word *domesticated* be added. The Public Hearing was again declared closed.

Motion by Olson to approve Resolution 2008-25 Approving a Travel and Reimbursement Policy, second by Behne. Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Roesler, yea; Ringnell, yea; Behne, yea. Resolution 2008-25 approved.

Following review of quotes received for the replacement of two furnaces at the Sherburn Fire Hall, motion by Ringnell to approve the quote received from Klima Electric in the amount of \$8,505 including electrical costs, for the purchase and installation of two 95% efficient furnaces at the Fire Hall, second by Poirot, carried.

Discussion was held regarding the incubator space at the Fire Hall and its intended uses. A local business has expressed interest in a long-term lease for a planned business expansion that does meet the original criteria for the use of the incubator area. The lease with the present tenant is a monthly agreement, which is understood by all parties. Improvements will need to be made in order to accommodate the prospective tenant. Motion by Olson to direct City Admin Thongvanh to work out a contract agreement with the interested party and to seek quotes for the construction of a restroom facility, second by Poirot, carried.

Mayor Roesler reminded Council of the October 25th dinner at the Nutrition Site in honor of the 35th anniversary of the Senior Dining program in the State of Minnesota. He also reported on a Task Force meeting he attended regarding Theatre operations, and that the Task Force is seeking suggestions for future projects.

Councilor Ringnell reported on a very successful "Wills for Heroes" project that took place on October 11, during which 50 free wills were prepared for area firefighters and peace officers.

Councilor Olson announced that the Lions bench project at Temperance Lake Ridge has been put on hold in favor of a gazebo at the facility.

Admin report:

- Request for authorization to sell 93 Chevy pickup: Motion by Ringnell to direct administrator to advertise for sealed bids for the sale of the 93 Chevy pickup to be presented to the council on November 3, 2008, second by Olson, carried.
- Repair of Hwy 4 street light wiring is underway.
- Software training for utility billing is complete, and computer entries are in process.
- Training for the radio read handheld computer is scheduled for November 12-14.
- Truck route signs have been ordered and will take up to three weeks to install.
- Capital Improvement and Equipment Replacement Plan will be mailed to councilors; action is expected on November 3rd.
- City Park shelter restrooms were vandalized with the destruction of the auto flush equipment.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk