

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

May 17, 2010

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2010 with members Jim Poirot, Carroll Behne, Kurt Olson, Robert Roesler and Brad Ringnell present. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

Motion by Olson to approve the minutes of the April 28 special council meeting, April 28 Public Hearing, May 3 EDA meeting and May 3 regular council meeting as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Behne, carried.

Consent agenda including approval of bills for payment, fence permit and temporary beer permit for the Lions Club was declared approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve building permits for Jason Hugie and Brian Koehnen, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve an application from the municipal liquor store for an outdoor music event on Friday, May 21, 2010, second by Poirot, carried.

City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring presented an updated capital projects report in which she reviewed the various projects that are currently underway: Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade using PFA loans; manhole replacements (12) using additional PFA loan dollars; N Osborne/W First Street reconstruction with bonding, assessments and reserves; East Third Street resurfacing with assessments and reserve dollars. Discussion was held regarding the amount of bonds that could be issued for the street projects.

City Admin Letzring also provided a report of utility-free streets that are in great need of repair: South Street, East Cargill Street and James Street. It is the recommendation of City Engineer Bolton & Menk that South Street be resurfaced from South Main to South Lake streets including 8" aggregate with 4" bituminous, and water main loops. After discussion regarding patching costs and life of the patched street, motion by Poirot to proceed with the rebuilding of South Street from South Main to South Lake this year, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to direct staff to obtain quotes for a generator at Temperance Lake Ridge per requirements to meet facility needs, second by Poirot, carried.

DuWayne Metteer was recognized to speak in Public Comment. Mr. Metteer stated that he thought the snowplow may have struck his curb last winter and he did not want to pay for the repair.

Discussion continued regarding Temperance Lake Ridge and its need to replace the dishwasher and also the recent stone wall repairs. Councilor Ringnell reported that plugged dryer vents were discovered while replacing loose shingles. He made the necessary repairs, which should result in the dryers now functioning properly.

Theatre popcorn machine is no longer working and replacement parts are not available. Someone will be contacted to see if the machine can be repaired.

At this time the second reading and passage of Ordinance 2010-01 Amending Assessment Policy took place. Ordinance will be effective upon publication.

Mayor Roesler reported on the Fiscal Disparity meeting he had attended on May 13, 2010: A number of cities participated and Region Nine will be developing a website to share the ideas that were presented. He reported that the legislature did not change the unallotments, and there is no news on plans for further allotments this summer. Although western and southern Minnesota was not affected as harshly by wage reductions, the Sate Economist has indicated that the economy is improving.

Councilor Behne stated that no decision was made on the MCW pool after the public meeting regarding same; Councilor Ringnell reported that a grant writer from Texas is writing a grant for the Armor radio system that is mandated to be in place by 2013. This FEMA grant is part of the county application and the county will pay the required matching funds.

Administrator report:

- Public Works Foreman Travis Schuett met with the City of Fairmont and electricians regarding street light repairs on North Hwy 4/Interstate 90.
- Bid advertisement for the N Osborne/W First street project will take place through May 26, with bid opening slated for May 28, and a special council meeting to award the contract on June 1.
- Public works employees Travis Schuett and Mark Updike are collaborating with the city administrator on a sewer kit policy handbook.
- A computer consultant from Midwest IT has been contacted to review and map the city computer systems for efficiency.
- City Hall will be closed on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> for the legal holiday Memorial Day.
- Safety training program alternatives are being researched.
- Summer hours will be in effect from June 1 to Labor Day.
- Flexible Spending Accounts will become effective for employees commencing with the outsourcing of payroll at the beginning of the third quarter 2010.
- An AFLAC representative has met with city employees to explain the insurance program.

Motion to adjourn by Behne, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff