

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2008

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Members present, Robert Roesler, Jim Poirot, Brad Ringnell, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne. Absent, none. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present, City Adm/EDA Dir Sack Thongvanh and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a pull tab donation in the amount of \$150.00 to the Regional Worship Center for the Children's Fall Carnival, motion died for lack of a second. Motion by Behne to approve a pull tab donation to the Regional Worship Center for the Children's Fall Carnival in the amount of \$100.00, second by Ringnell, carried.

Cindy Ford and Deb Schwager were present on behalf of the Task Force with a diagram designed by Fairmont Glass & Sign for an awning and signage for the Theatre. The sign and awning would be purchased using donated funds from Kum & Go Convenience Store, and the group was requesting that the City authorize quotes from Klima Electric and Kuehl Electric for wiring and lighting the signs. It was their desire to go forward with the sign and awning immediately, and install the lighting at a later date. Motion by Ringnell to approve the purchase of awnings and signage from Fairmont Glass & Sign as presented, using donated funds, and directing that quotes for lighting be secured from Klima Electric and Kuehl Electric from funds that have not yet been determined, second by Poirot, carried. It was understood that State permits will be needed, and the project does have approval from the MN State Historical Society.

Also, Kuehl Electric has looked at the Memorial Clock and determined that the glass is binding and the stained glass does need to be replaced. The Plexiglas is scratched and brittle. Two shafts could be replaced for approximately \$800. Motion by Ringnell to proceed with the replacement of the Plexiglas with tempered glass, making repairs on the stained glass underneath on both sides, using memorial funds from the Posivio Family donated for that purpose, second by Poirot, carried.

Two quotes were received for the replacement of the west lift station: Electric Pump, \$27,665; Braun Pump & Control, \$28,500 less \$9,116 if current pumps are reused. Motion by Olson to accept the quote from Braun Pump & Control in the amount of \$19,384 as recommended by Kirk Yahnke of Bolton & Menk, second by Poirot, carried.

A request was heard for a walking path from Temperance Lake Ridge to Temperance Lake. The requested walking path would be located along Temperance Lake Road, eastbound starting at Fox Lake Avenue. Councilor Olson stated that the Lions Club is providing benches along this path, and Councilor Poirot suggested we consider closing the drainage ditch near the area for safety reasons.

A draft copy of the Travel and Reimbursement Policy as distributed on April 14, 2008 was reviewed.

Motion by Ringnell to accept the resignation of City Admin/EDA Director Sack Thongvanh effective November 21, 2008 and to engage the services of Springsted, Inc for solicitation of applications, using the revised job description for the position, and including a salary range of \$45,000-\$55,000 in the advertisement; second by Olson, carried.

In Mayor/Council discussion, Councilor Behne inquired about continuing the bike path to the Fox Lake Golf Course. However, as this area is not inside city limits, state and county officials must be approached to undertake such a project. Mayor Roesler has been researching administrator replacement with other city administrators; Councilor Ringnell stated that the MCW baseball field driveway needs additional work; this should be handled by MCW and Bolton and Menk. The engineering firm has also been contacted regarding damages on N Osborne and W Fourth streets as a result of the W Fifth Street project. Truck route signs will arrive in four to six weeks; plans are underway for placement.

Admin report:

- City of Fairmont has finished boring for Hwy 4 street light repairs; Alliant Energy will perform trenching on October 13th and Klima Electric will install wiring.
- Once easement agreements are in place, cable service to the fire hall will be installed.
- Rent adjustments have been made to the Sherburn Clinic lease agreement with Fairmont Medical Center. Motion by Ringnell to approve \$25/month rent increases for 2009, 2010 and 2011 as presented, second by Olson, carried.
- Audit firm EideBailly has agreed to perform the 2008 audit for \$15,500, which is an increase of \$4,500. The increase is largely due to additional time spent on Temperance Lake Ridge and investments. Motion by Poirot to approve the contract with EideBailly for 2008 audit work in the amount of \$15,500, second by Behne, carried.
- Radio read meter installation will commence in October and a letter to all citizens will accompany the October utility bill. Software training will be held on October 14th; handheld device training is scheduled for November 12th-14th.
- Assessment rolls for the West Fifth Street project are being calculated.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell inquired about coordinating fee schedule adjustments with the fire department, whose rates are set in February.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk