

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
June 1, 2009

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with members present: Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Jim Poirot, Brad Ringnell and Carroll Behne. Absent, none. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

In Public Comment, Dorothy Behne was present to ask clarification of the article appearing in the Martin County Star regarding budget cuts, overtime hours and the closing of City Hall to the public two afternoons a week. Mayor Roesler explained that budget cuts necessitated reduction in overtime hours, and closing the City office a few hours a week would enable staff to accommodate the work load.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills and a fence permit for 606 Kenzie St was declared approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2009-07 Adopting Updated Fee Schedule to include a fee for mowing tall grass at \$50 plus \$50/hour in full hour increments, second by Poirot. Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Ringnell, yea; Behne, yea, Roesler, yea; Resolution 2009-07 approved.

Liquor Store Manager Steve Frolik was present to answer questions regarding plans for an outdoor patio on the east side of the Municipal Liquor Store. The patio will be in compliance with the Freedom to Breathe Act, and will include a 6' chain link fence with two gates. No food or drink orders will be taken in this area, and no drinks will be allowed outside the patio premise. Plans also include a new concrete slab, tables and chairs, and improved lighting. The project will be financed from Liquor Store reserves and will be completed by June 15. Motion by Olson to approve and accept plans for the outdoor patio as presented, second by Behne, carried.

Nathan Behne appeared before the council to express his opinion regarding summer hours, concerns that the park restrooms were not stocked with toilet paper, and suggested instead a schedule of four ten-hour days. Mr. Behne also felt that access to the public is being restricted, citing his inability to get on the agenda after the Thursday deadline. Mayor Roesler explained that summer hour schedules have been implemented by many cities for the purpose of efficiency, and that City employees, who have weathered cuts and department reductions, appreciate this small gesture. Mr. Roesler went on to explain that agenda deadlines are necessary so that proper research can be conducted if the agenda item needs a response. City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring added that she had inquired of employees about the park restrooms and found that the dispensers had been adequately supplied throughout the weekend.

Carlee Hunter was present to object to the manner in which she was represented in the May 4 meeting minutes with regard to the lack of detail provided. Ms. Hunter commended the appearance of the City Park and asked that the South Park be maintained in the same manner.

Mayor Roesler reported that he has recently been involved with Region Nine issues, and has talked to legislators about the budget shortfall and programs that penalize cities that have managed their resources and have been fiscally responsible. Mr. Roesler has also e-mailed Governor Pawlenty with suggestions.

Councilor Behne shared an article written by the mayor of Alexandria regarding cuts that city has made. Councilor Poirot raised a zoning question about a business in a residential garage. The matter has been addressed and is being resolved. Councilor Ringnell asked about the open ditch near the State/City shop; City Admin Letzring informed him that City Engineer Greg Mitchell is taking elevation shots in the area. Councilor Olson stated that if our Public Works would mow the north City entrance sign to the corner one time, a citizen has volunteered to continue mowing and maintenance of the area.

Administrator report:

- Air conditioning unit at north section of Temperance Lake Ridge will be replaced for \$1,952 and will include a five-year warranty.
- New door has been installed on the Community Hall; locks are being changed today.
- Water shut-off valve replacement began last week and will continue throughout the summer. Publics Work Foreman Travis Schuett is working with Tom Finke to replace broken or malfunctioning valves in conjunction with the radio read meter installation.
- InfraTech will commence televising sewer lines this week, a ten to twelve day project.
- Baptist Church property should be demolished this week, according to the property owners.
- Hydrant flushing will take place this week.
- Hardline Asphalt will perform crack filling when they are in the area; several more patches will be added to the SMC maps.
- Bike path repairs will be made after the sanitary sewer line repairs are finished and the dirt has been allowed to settle.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk