

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2009

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. 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. The Oath of Office was administered to the newly re-elected Mayor and Councilors.

Carlee Hunter appeared during Public Comment, stating that she feels as if she has been treated unfairly regarding her ownership of six dogs.

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

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

Kelly Yahnke and Kirk Yahnke of Bolton & Menk were present regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant evaluation. The engineering firm had appeared at an August council meeting with recommended improvements of the facility, and at the request of the City Administrator have prioritized the items needing immediate attention. Thirteen items were enumerated along with a cost opinion, and included a recommendation to consider redesign to aerobic in order to reduce emissions of the corrosive methane gases. Kelly Yahnke is investigating the City's eligibility for a low-interest government loan, but this may not be advisable because of the time frame involved.

Motion by Roesler to approve the following mayoral appointments:

Mayor Pro-tem	Brad Ringnell	Salary/Benefits	City Attorney, City Admin
Police/Employee	Roesler, Ringnell		Roesler, Ringnell
Cemetery Rep	Behne, Poirot	Liquor Store Rep	Roesler, Olson
Weed Control	Administrator, Behne	Equipment	Poirot, Olson
Buildings/Streets	Poirot, Olson	Budget	Council, Mayor, Staff

second by Ringnell, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to designate the Farmers State Bank as the official depository, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Poirot to designate Martin County Star as the official newspaper, second by Behne, carried.

Motion by Poirot to approve Clerk and Administrator attendance at conferences and seminars when posted, second by Olson, carried.

Police Chief Brad Hughes was present to introduce Officer Tony Nelson who has been hired for the part-time position. Chief Hughes also addressed certain concerns brought up by Ms. Hunter.

Motion by Ringnell to approve payment of the bills, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the 2009 cigarette license application from Jamboree Foods, second by Behne, carried.

Motion by Poirot to approve Resolution 2009-01 Adopting the 2009 Fee Schedule, second by Olson. Roesler, yea; Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Ringnell, yea; Behne, yea; Resolution 2009-01 approved.

Motion by Olson to authorize City Administrator Jamie Letzring to sign all signature cards at the Farmers State Bank, second by Behne, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a pulltab contribution to the Sherburn Branch of the Martin County Library in the amount of \$100 towards the Summer Reading Program, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Roesler to move the next council meeting to Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m. because of the Martin Luther King holiday, second by Ringnell, carried.

Councilor Olson commented on effects of cutbacks on snow removal; Councilor Poirot stated that Hwy 4 lights are still not working. (Street light on the former hotel lot was repaired today.)

Mayor Roesler has been approached by citizens regarding ice and snow concerns, and the tickets that have been issued for illegal parking during snow removal. He stated that cities with more available resources are cutting back on snow removal as a cost saving effort, and requested that City Admin Letzring compile the overtime costs for the next meeting.

Administrator report:

- Day Plumbing has been servicing an apartment at Temperance Lake Ridge when a boiler froze twice after anti-freeze was applied to the system.
- Incubator restroom installation is underway; estimate recently received from Boesch Electric in the amount of \$1200 had not been included in the original quote.
- Deputy Clerk will be reimbursed \$75.00, approximately half the cost of Notary Public renewal.
- Dakota Supply will be present on January 20 to assist with the first in-house billing process.
- State Hwy 4 lights were repaired and are out once again.
- Town House apartment is vacant and will be available for rent after maintenance is completed.
- Local Government Aid cuts totaled \$29,639 for 2008; additional cuts for 2009 and 2010 have not yet been announced.

Mayor Roesler called for a council workshop session following the January 20th council meeting to discuss budget cuts and the Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff