

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
May 4, 2009

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2009 with members present: Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Jim Poirot, Brad Ringnell and Carroll Behne. Absent, none. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

In Public Comment, Dorothy Behne was present to express concern that the park restrooms have remained open after dark and this would invite vandalism. Carlee Hunter was also present to report a citizen who has four dogs that she believes are not the same dogs existing before the adoption of the animal ordinance. Councilor Behne inquired if Sentence to Serve could be contacted to clean the bike path.

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.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

At this time the drawing for Revolving Loan Fund distribution was conducted. The following names were drawn by Cindy Ford: Brian & Laura Johnson, Michael & Kellie Godden, Les North, Todd & Becky Tish, Steve Landsteiner. As the next step in the process, these individuals will be asked to fill out a complete application, which will reviewed in the order drawn.

The first reading of Ordinance 2009-1 was held Amending Section 302.01 to Include the Elimination of Grass at a Height of Greater Than Six Inches and Amending Section 302.03 to Add Grass Higher Than Six Inches to be a Nuisance and Authorizing the City Council to Establish the Fees for Removal by Resolution.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a pulltab donation in the amount of \$100 to the VFW League Baseball, second by Poirot, carried.

Representing the Civic & Commerce Club, Cindy Ford informed the council that the City-wide rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, and a staffed Salvation Army trailer will be available to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Ford asked if the city-owned lot behind City Hall could be used as the Salvation Army location. Motion by Olson to permit the use of the vacant lot behind City Hall as the site for the Salvation Army trailer, second by Ringnell, carried.

Motion by Poirot to declare the unused Toshiba copy machine as excess property and to relocate it to the Fire Hall, second by Behne, carried.

Discussion was held regarding Community Hall restroom renovations and how this could be accomplished without compromising the structural integrity of the building. At the suggestion of Councilor Olson, motion by Ringnell to authorize City Admin Letzring to solicit the opinion of the Fairmont City Inspector regarding the improvements, second by Poirot, carried.

Upon review of the two proposals received for patching and for crack filling, motion by Ringnell to award the patching contract to SMC of Mankato in the amount of \$4,740 for 1200 sq ft bituminous, second by Poirot, carried. Motion by Poirot to award the crack filling contract to Hardline Asphalt of Mountain Lake, MN in the amount of \$540 for 360 lbs fill, second by Olson, carried.

Gravel quotes were received from Cohrs Gravel at \$10/ton and SMC at \$9.85/ton. Motion by Ringnell to approve the purchase of 700 tons of gravel from Southern Minnesota Construction Co, second by Poirot, carried.

A proposal was received from Infratech of Rogers, MN for televising 35,000 ft sanitary sewer or 25,000 ft storm sewer for \$.65/linear foot, or 60,000 ft sanitary and storm sewer for \$.62/linear foot. Motion by Olson to contract with Infratech to televise infrastructure in certain sections of town to include Manyaska Street and Fairmont Ave and excluding South Main St, West Fifth St, Fox Lake Ave and Ringer Drive, second by Poirot, carried.

Joel Stencil of the auditing firm Eide Bailly appeared before the council to present the 2008 audit. Mr. Stencil reviewed the Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, and explained the letter of material weakness that is standard and unavoidable in small cities with limited staff. Seven categories of compliance were tested as required, and it was determined that the City of Sherburn complied with terms and conditions of the applicable legal provisions in each category. Mr. Stencil pointed out that all fund balances show that the City is in excellent financial condition at this time.

Council topics of discussion included the Boy Scout aluminum can drop site and the trash appearing in the sand volleyball court. Mayor Roesler issued an assurance that the park restrooms will be locked by the police at a reasonable hour; also, no agreements have been reached at the legislature and LGA cuts are still unknown.

City Admin Letzring informed the council that another court hearing for Carlee Hunter is scheduled on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff