

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
May 15, 2006

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Members present, Jerry Jenkinson, Jim Poirot, Robert Roesler, Carroll Behne and Brad Ringnell. Absent, none. Mayor Jenkinson presided. Also present, City Adm/EDA Dir Kathy Bailey and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Motion by Behne to approve the bills for payment, second by Ringnell, carried.

Administrative reports:

- City Attorney Jim Wilson has responded to arguments from Mike Tow, attorney for Carlee Hunter, regarding her appeal of the denial of a kennel license in a residential district: No hardship exists and the denial should remain as stands. Two of the five dogs must be removed.
- Ads have been placed locally for the sale of numerous concrete culverts of various sizes.
- Clean-up letters were sent to 47 property owners, and citations will be issued to individuals who have not responded by the end of May. Results will be available in the June police report.
- Seventy-one appliance tags were sold this year.

A review of Sec 303.06 of the Sherburn City Code affirmed that extending utility services out of city limits is prohibited without annexation of the property seeking services. State law only allows the annexation of abutting property, and Sherburn has become “ringed” or locked in by rural properties enjoying city services. Since spot annexation is not permitted, long private service lines would be necessary, and leaks in these lines may go undetected until damage results.

Repair estimate in the amount of \$10,478.45 for the city dump truck was received from Crysteel, and does not include repairs needed to the box. City Adm Bailey will continue to search for available trucks; more units should come on the market in upcoming weeks. Without the trade-in value, the purchase will put the equipment replacement plan in a deficit.

Motion by Roesler to approve the advertisement for bids for the purchase of a new ambulance, with a deadline of 5:00 p.m. on June 7, 2006, for review by the Sherburn Fire Department on June 8 and presentation to the Council on June 19 second by Behne, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to accept a donation in the amount of \$6500 from the Fairmont Area Foundation Fund to the Sherburn Fire Department for the purchase of a Cascade Bottle Fill Station for the new rescue truck, second by Poirot, carried.

At the request of several citizens for a clarification of the burning ordinance and the definition of recreational fires, Council issued the following determination based on intent and State statute: Grills, charcoal and wood fires in containers manufactured and designed with the purpose of preventing flying embers are allowed. Burning barrels, fire rings and rock rings are not allowed. Smoking, unattended, and/or open fires are prohibited. A statement will be included in the May utility bill to each household.

Following brief discussion regarding the availability of water tower space for rent and the progress of the property at 10 N Main Street, motion to adjourn by Roesler, second by Poirot, carried.