

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2010

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Members present, Jim Poirot, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne, Robert Roesler and Brad Ringnell. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Consent agenda including a fence permit at 312 N Main St and payment of bills was declared approved.

Motion by Mayor Roesler, second by Ringnell 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

Motion carried.

Motion by Ringnell to designate the Farmers State Bank as the official depository and the Martin County Star as the official newspaper, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Behne, second by Poirot to approve Resolution 2010-01 Adopting the Fee Schedule for 2010 with the following modifications: Peddlers License \$50; water/sewer rate increase \$.05/1000 gallons; addition of storm water fee \$2.50 per account effective July 2010, non-resident facility rental \$100, Tier Two base rate emergency \$520. Poirot, yea; Olson, yea; Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2010-01 approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2010-02 Establishing Water Service and Sanitary Sewer Rates, second by Poirot. Ringnell, yea; Behne, yea; Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2010-02 approved as follows:

Residential water 3.63/1000 gal	Residential sewer 3.68/1000 average 4 th qtr consumption
Commercial water 3.85/1000 gal	Commercial sewer 3.68/1000 gal actual consumption
Rural water 6.88/1000 gal	Rural sewer 8.22/1000 average 4 th qtr consumption

The last increase in water and sewer rates occurred November 2004.

Motion by Ringnell to move the next council meeting to Tuesday, January 19 at 5:00 p.m. because of the Martin Luther King holiday, second by Poirot, carried.

Motion by Behne to declare the old ambulance cot as excess property and advertise for sale, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Roesler to approve Resolution 2010-03 Allowing Payment of Certain Expenditures Prior to Council Authorization, second by Poirot. Olson, yea; Ringnell, yea; Poirot, yea; Behne, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2010-03 approved. Approving this resolution will allow payment of bills for currently budgeted goods and services in a timely manner.

Councilor Behne requested that the streets be sanded; however, at this time sand is not available and salt will not be effective in these cold temperatures.

Councilor Poirot commended Public Works employees Travis Schuett and Mark Updike for the excellent job they did in plowing streets and snow removal.

Councilor Ringnell requested that the snow be pushed back from the intersections as soon as possible for safety reasons and for fire hydrant exposure. Councilor Olson expressed concern about snow banks piled by the railroad tracks.

Admin report:

- Day Plumbing will be converting the old fire hall per the Energy Audit recommendations.
- A floor cleaning unit will be ordered for the Community Hall; no bookings will be taken after January 12 until restroom renovations are complete.
- As a reminder to citizens, private alley snow removal is done by city equipment as a courtesy and is the primary responsibility of the adjacent property owners.
- MCW will share the cost of Fifth Street snow removal.
- Pettipiece & Associates is working with Bolton & Menk on the PFA loan for the wastewater treatment plant upgrade, and it is possible that the loan will be denied. Mayor Roesler suggested that Representative Bob Gunther be informed of the situation and request that he contact Minnesota Public Facilities Authority on our behalf.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Behne, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk