

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
November 2, 2009

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. with members present: Kurt Olson, Robert Roesler, Jim Poirot, Brad Ringnell and Carroll Behne. Absent, none. Also present, City Adm/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

Tim Schwager was present for Public Comment regarding the garage next to his property that he feels is a fire hazard and should be removed, stating that its existence and proximity is costing him extra on his building project. Mr. Schwager was advised that setbacks and zoning laws do exist for these reasons, and that condemnation proceedings are not likely to occur in this case.

Motion by Poirot to approve the agenda, second by Olson, 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 payment of bills and a fence permit for 402 Fox Lake Ave was declared approved.

Continued research on future street improvements have identified a five-block stretch on North Osborne Street as a top candidate for milling/overlay and curb/gutter. A Joint Powers meeting has been scheduled for November 5 to discuss the purchase of a root cutter attachment to the jetter truck for cleaning sanitary sewer lines so that they may be televised for conditions. An assessment by the public works department has identified and ranked ten streets that are in need of attention; this report was distributed. Motion by Ringnell to authorize City Administrator Jamie Letzring to contact Bolton & Menk to proceed with topography shots on the five blocks of North Osborne Street, second by Olson, carried.

The energy audit performed by G.A. Ernst & Associates was distributed for review. This audit included recommendations that are intended to result in cost savings for various city buildings (City Hall/Fire Hall, City Shop, Fire Hall/Incubator Building, Community Hall/Theatre, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Water Plant) such as insulation and weatherstrip, additional programmable thermostats, abandoning sections of buildings, retrofit lighting, and furnace replacement. Motion by Ringnell to direct City Adm/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring to investigate any issues associated with closing down the former fire hall, insulation needs, draining and plumbing, and to install programmable thermostats where needed, second by Poirot, carried. Ms. Letzring will also contact Laraway Roofing regarding the cost of eliminating roof vents that are no longer necessary on the Community Hall.

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Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2009-15 Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment for the South Manyaska Street Improvement Project, second by Poirot. Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Ringnell, yea; Behne, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2009-15 approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2009-16 Setting the Hearing Date for Proposed Assessments for South Manyaska Street Improvement Project on November 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m., second by Olson. Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Poirot, yea; Olson, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2009-16 approved.

In other business, council inquired about the need for a leaf vac system that could more efficiently replace the constant fall use of the street sweeper.

Motion by Ringnell to move the date of the next council meeting to Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to coincide with the Assessment Hearing, second by Poirot, carried.

Admin report:

- Civic & Commerce group wishes to hang the cable and welcome banner across N Main Street and is seeking someone with equipment able to reach the height.
- Rosenberg Construction will begin Community Hall restroom renovations in January 2010.
- Administrator Letzring and Deputy Clerk Schlaphoff attended the League Regional Meeting in Mankato on October 28 regarding legislative cuts and how other communities are handling the impact.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff