

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

April 7, 2008

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Brad Ringnell on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Members present, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne, Jim Poirot and Brad Ringnell. Upon his arrival, Mayor Robert Roesler presided. Absent, none. Also present, City Adm/EDA Director Sack Thongvanh and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Consent agenda was declared approved including: payment of bills, authorization to advertise for cleaning personnel, and fence permit for Irvin Jurries.

Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk presented the plans and specifications for the West Fifth Street project and highlighted some of the changes that had been made to the original design. Among these changes were reclamation of bituminous and aggregate, additional catch basins, 50 ft width, and a hydrant at the Osborne Street intersection. Mr. Mitchell recommended advertising for bids during April with bid opening on May 6th, and bid award to take place on May 19th. Substantial completion is anticipated by August 8th; project completion by August 23rd.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2008-07 Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids, second by Poirot. Olson, yea; Behne, yea; Poirot, yea; Ringnell, yea, Roesler, yea. Resolution 2008-07 approved.

County Drainage Coordinator Deb Mosoloski, County Auditor Jim Forshee, County Commissioner Dan Schmidtke and Viewer/Ditch Consultant Ron Renquist were present to discuss Judicial Ditch 81, which drains the southwest portion of the City and includes all tiling and storm sewer located in that area. Because the Judicial Ditch, built in 1918, no longer serves its original intent, they felt that it would be better administered by the City of Sherburn, rather than the county, and were present to ask the Council to consider assuming administration.

City Attorney Jim Wilson reminded all present that this drainage system serves a number of rural properties, and law prohibits entities from assessing outside their jurisdiction. Mr. Renquist agreed, stating that the City would have no authority to tax rural properties for any drainage improvements unless they are annexed. Council also learned that because all storm sewers in the southwest area are included in Judicial Ditch 81, the City presently has no authority to do maintenance on any of the lines.

Also at issue is the law that states assessment of benefits to a property cannot exceed the value of that property, and a previous study has shown that the cost of any storm sewer improvement exceeds the value of all homes in that area.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2008-08 Adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Sherburn, second by Poirot. Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Poirot, yea; Olson, yea; Resolution 2008-08 approved.

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Council/Mayor report:

- Councilor Olson expressed concern regarding semi trucks parking along East Fifth Street and the dangerous conditions created.
- Mayor Roesler announced that he would represent the City of Sherburn at the Loyalty Day program at the MCW elementary school; he also commended Engineer Greg Mitchell of Bolton and Menk and Martin County West for their cooperative effort regarding the West Fifth Street project.

Administrative report:

- Waste Management will begin using the smaller trucks this week for refuse hauling in order to minimize street damage.
- Gino's Floor Sanding has submitted the lowest and best alternative for Community Hall floor repairs.
- There will be a storm water project presentation in Truman at 10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2008.
- Specifications for the radio read system are currently being prepared; sealcoating and street patching specs will be ready this month;
- Park renovations will be completed this month, and tree trimming and removal will take place.
- Summer hour schedule will commence on May 1st
- Meet and Greet the Task Force gathering will be held on Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Dining Site. The Task Force has partnered with Region Nine for fundraising efforts towards community needs.

Motion to adjourn by Poirot, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff