

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
July 20, 2009

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. with members present: Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne, Jim Poirot and Brad Ringnell. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

Nathan Behne was present for Public Comment to question the bid award for the South Manyaska Street project as listed in the June 15th council minutes.

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

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

At this time, the council meeting moved to the Community Hall basement with Building Inspector Darin Haslip and Task Force members Nathan and Dorothy Behne, Pastor Steve Nordyke and Pastor Steve Wilson to tour the restroom facilities and seek the advice of Mr. Haslip regarding improvements of same. Mr. Haslip advised that it is acceptable to construct a universally accessible restroom, as the minimal use of the facility does not justify a fully accessible restroom. For now, widening the doorway, installing an elevated toilet and grab bars will be sufficient, but he recommended that the ultimate goal should be to establish an accessible route into the building in three to five years by means of a wheelchair lift. Discussion was also held regarding kitchen improvements and state health board requirements. Appliance upgrades and catering set-ups are not affected by code, and product manufacturers must meet installation requirements. A possible location for a wheelchair lift was considered.

At 5:45 pm, council reconvened at City Hall. Consent agenda including payment of bills and a fence permit at 302 James Street was declared approved.

Preliminary budget information was distributed and budget workshop dates were set for August 17th following the council meeting and August 26th at 5:00 p.m. The proposed levy must be determined by September 8th for certification on or before September 15th.

Motion by Behne to amend already approved council minutes of June 15, 2009 to reflect the successful bidder for the South Manyaska Street project as Beemer Companies of Fairmont, Minnesota, second by Ringnell, carried.

Councilor Behne asked who mows Hwy 4 N, and was informed that the City mowed this area one time upon request for the Holiday Festival, but it is the property and responsibility of MnDOT.

Administrator report:

- A local contractor will repair and replace a few loose shingles on Temperance Lake Ridge.
- Sanitary sewer jetting has been completed on the south side of town and continues on the north side.
- MLS Manager Steve Frolik plans to host outdoor entertainment not more than three times per year, once at Holiday Festival, and perhaps this Labor Day weekend as the first event. All public dance requirements will be met.
- Six water shut-off valves will be replaced within the next two weeks.
- SMC will begin patching streets mid-August; several areas have been added to the contract, including a valve replacement on South Lake Street and a water main break area on Kenzie Street.
- City Engineer Greg Mitchell is meeting with county engineers on July 22nd regarding the clean-out of an outlet on Ditch 81 east of town.

Administrator's report, continued:

- Preconstruction meeting for the South Manyaska Street project will be held on Thursday, July 22nd at 2:00 pm at City Hall.
- Revolving Loan Fund resolutions will be presented at the next council meeting.
- Property at 208 Fairmont Ave has been mowed and the berm has been covered with a tarp to prevent weed growth; building permits application must be resubmitted for improvements.
- Baptist church property debris is being removed; records show that the church still owns the property.

At 6:30 p.m. council entered into closed session for the purpose of conducting the administrator evaluation. Regular session reconvened at 6:45 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk