

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
February 4, 2008

A regular council meeting was duly held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Members present, Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Jim Poirot, Carroll Behne and Brad Ringnell. Mayor Roesler presided. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Sack Thongvanh and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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 Behne, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills with one clarification, and rescheduling the February 18th council meeting to February 25th was declared approved.

Liquor Store Manager Steve Frolik appeared to update the council regarding the new cash register system with barcodes to improve efficiency and accuracy, and future plans for restroom renovations and an outdoor patio for smokers. Council commended Mr. Frolik for these innovations and assured him of their support.

Todd Amborn appeared on behalf of the Fire Relief Association to request a \$75.00 raise in benefits, bringing the total to \$1,250 per year of service. Motion by Behne to approve the increase in benefits as requested, motion died for lack of a second. Following continued discussion and clarification of benefit distribution, motion by Behne to approve the increase as requested, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2008-03 Confirming the Statutory Level of Tort Limits, second by Poirot. Roesler, yea; Olson, yea; Poirot, yea; Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea. Resolution 2008-03 approved.

Mayor Roesler reported on the second gathering of mayors and legislators at Region Nine to address issues of concern in area communities; approximately forty mayors were in attendance. Cities were encouraged to take visiting legislators on a tour of their buildings and facilities to demonstrate the challenges faced by rural communities as a result of increasing costs and decreasing government aid.

Brief discussion was held regarding Waste Management fuel surcharges, street light outages and use of City dump truck for snowplowing.

Admin report:

- Workshop will follow the council meeting on February 25th to discuss remaining items.
- Radio reads for water meters are being researched for costs and software.
- Public Hearing for West Fifth Street project scheduled for February 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Behne, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff