

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2010

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 15, 2010 with members Jim Poirot, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne, Brad Ringnell and Robert Roesler present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

Motion by Poirot to approve the amended 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 payment of bills was declared approved.

Motion by Behne to take the topic of outsourcing payroll from the table, second by Poirot, carried. Discussion continued regarding the extra cost of outsourcing, which is offset by overtime hours generated at the end of the year and during vacations, and the utility billing process, which is now conducted in-house. City Administrator Jamie Letzring was directed to continue researching companies that provide payroll services and to seek information from local firms that outsource their payroll.

Mayor Roesler reported that the Region Nine meeting has been scheduled for April 29th in Mankato, and the agenda for this meeting is being expanded. All political subdivisions are invited to attend. Councilor Poirot inquired about storage capacity in the former fire hall for the Lions Club booths and was informed that arrangements have already been made with the Lions Club to store their holiday festival materials at this site.

A proposal has been submitted for retro-fit lighting at the SFD fire hall. Motion by Ringnell to seek further proposals for retro-fit lighting at the fire hall per Energy Audit recommendations, second by Poirot, carried.

Ringnell stated that water is over the road on West Second Street, and requested that the culvert be checked for blockage. Councilor Poirot informed the council that street light outages on North Main Street were due to melted wires and they are now repaired.

Admin Report:

- Waste Management has been contacted to place a dumpster behind the Community Hall for use by renters of the facility.
- Cracks in the Community Hall sidewalk will be filled in an attempt to prevent further water leakage in the Community Hall restrooms underneath. Inspection by a basement specialist resulted in a recommendation to install a sump pump behind the kitchen area to address water issues in the building. Additional consultations with basement specialists are scheduled in the upcoming days.
- A meeting with utilities regarding the North Osborne Street project is scheduled for March 17th at 10:00 a.m. Ten manholes in the southwest area of the City have been identified for replacement and may be funded by the PFA loan, which will be amended to include these manholes because of inflow and infiltration issues.
- Bid opening for the WWTP project will be held March 18th at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- Arrangements have been made with the Lions Club to store their holiday festival materials in the former fire hall.
- A collapsed manhole on Fairmont Avenue and a sinking manhole on South Osborne Street were replaced last week.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Poirot, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:42 p.m.