

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
October 24, 2014

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, October 20, 2014 with members Carroll Behne, Dorothy Behne, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Also present City Admin/EDA Director Samuel Hansen and Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen.

Motion by Olson to approve the agenda, second by C. Behne, carried.

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Steve Mattson of Northland Securities was present to discuss refinancing one of the Temperance Lake Ridge bonds. He explained that with the lower interest rates there could be quite a bit of savings. Mr. Mattson presented two options of refinancing. The first option decreases the interest over the existing life of the bond. The second option reduces the bond life by two years and decreases the interest rate, although the annual payments will slightly increase. Discussion ensued as to the pros and cons of the different options. Mr. Mattson explained that with the second option payments would not necessarily be locked in for the remainder of the bond as there would be a call option built in at six years. Mr. Mattson also discussed with the Council different options of investing the monies currently being held by Northland Securities.

Becky Tish gave a presentation on the South Park Playground project on behalf of the MCW ECI. She explained their needs analysis that the equipment in the South Park is outdated, there is an insufficient amount of equipment and it is an underserved area of town. Mrs. Tish presented Phase 1 of the project as installing a play structure for the two to five year olds. Phase 2 involves getting input from the older children and adults and purchasing equipment accordingly. Phase 3 would involve adding items such as benches, landscaping and tables to the park. Mrs. Tish presented the Council with the current choice of the play structure for the two to five year olds. The group has raised over half of the funds needed for Phase 1. Mrs. Tish also described some of the other grant opportunities that are available for this equipment that have been applied for or are being pursued. The committee is asking the Council to be the fiscal agent to purchase the equipment now and reimburse the City as funds are received. The Council discussed the existing equipment such as the swings and whether it would stay or be removed. It was suggested that the City Administrator contact the League Insurance Trust to see what the City's liability would be on equipment that may not meet safety standards. It was also discussed whether the five to twelve play structure should be ordered at the same time to save in shipping costs.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a \$100 pull tab contribution to the Harvest Party, second by Ross, approved.

City Administrator/EDA Director Hansen updated the Council on the 2014 Street Project. The curbs and driveways have been installed. Sidewalks will be worked on tomorrow and Wednesday. Pavement will go in next week.

Administrator Report

- There have been meetings held regarding a potential biking trail between Fairmont and Sherburn
- Contact has been made with the owners of 603 S Lake Street and they plan on boarding up the building
- City Hall will be closed Wednesday Oct 22 while staff attend the League of Minnesota Cities regional meeting in Madelia
- The Leaf Vac is currently in full force
- City Staff is working on incorporating the C & C's recommendations into a new Community Hall policy to present at the next meeting
- Sealcoating has been pushed to next spring due to the weather
- The administrator laptop is in need of an upgrade, as well as some more software
- The Mayo Clinic lease has been signed for the next three years
- Still working with Springsted on a program to bring our Pay Equity into compliance

In other business, it was suggested that the council review the cash and investment balances at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen