

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

October 8, 2012

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2012 with members Jeff Ross, Robert Roesler, Carroll Behne, Brad Ringnell and Kurt Olson present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

In Public Comment, Carlee Hunter was present to inquire about an outstanding water utility bill on a property that she is interested in purchasing.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the updated agenda, second by Ross, carried.

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills and fence permits at 502 S Lake St and 302 S Prairie St was declared approved.

Nicole Steffensen was introduced to the council; Nicole will take over the Deputy Clerk position effective January 1, 2013.

Temperance Lake Ridge Nurse Director Lisa Lange was present with a construction project update and an explanation of the security system that is in place in the original building, compared with the nurse call system she would like to install throughout the entire building. City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring presented a financial report including repair/maintenance transfers, approved purchases and cost overruns, and showing that the new system would recoup costs over a period of three years. Motion by Ringnell to approve the purchase of the Arial security system for the memory care addition and to convert the entire building to Arial, second by Olson, carried.

The new leaf compactor/mulcher is expected to arrive this week and will be on display on N Main Street with a tentative schedule for leaf pick up during the month of October. Citizens are being asked to rake their leaves to the boulevard; this program will replace the fall leaf pickup and reduce wear on the street sweeper.

Motion by Ross to approve a pull tab request from the Regional Worship Center for the Children's Harvest Party in the amount of \$100.00, second by Ringnell, carried.

Motion by Ross to table the request from Carlee Hunter until research can be conducted on the history of the delinquent water utility of the property in question to provide a breakdown of finance charges, second by Ringnell, carried.

Admin report:

- Moving forward with health insurance stipend options/FSAs; actual costs will be able to be calculated in November for January 2013 rates.
- Update on October Community Hall/Theatre and Nutrition Site activities: FFA Poultry Contest; C & C and Task Force meetings; Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre; MCW speech practice; local and District AA meetings; Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts.
- Theatre projector equipment has been ordered with an estimated delivery and installation in November. No feedback received regarding the 3-D screen, so the regular roll-up manual screen will be ordered soon.
- Estimates for additional remodeling projects at Temperance Lake Ridge have been received.
- Street sweeping started today; leaf pick up will commence next week following delivery and training on the leaf compactor.
- Driveway at TLR has resulted in another cost overrun (as illustrated by the pictures).
- Employee reviews will be completed before the last council meeting in December.

Mayor Roesler touched on a variety of topics including: maintenance of the Community Hall by the Boy Scouts per agreement, disposition of the carbon arch projector, timely completion of the administrator evaluation forms, and a request from a property owner who feels his property should be maintained by the city. Mayor Roesler also asked that citizens be encouraged to water their trees this fall so that they do not suffer further damage by the drought conditions. Winter calculations can be adjusted so that fall watering does not affect sewer charges in the upcoming year for those who choose to water their trees.

Motion by Ross to recess into closed session at 5:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing employee contracts, second by Ringnell, carried.

Council reconvened at 6:36 p.m. with a motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Ringnell, carried.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk