

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
November 5, 2012

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

In Public Comment, Dorothy Behne was present to request that a boiler room key and a dumpster key be provided to renters of the Community Hall, particularly when food is being served; Nathan Behne stated that the storm sewer intake near his building was full again.

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 Ringnell, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2012-27 Accepting Donation of \$15,000 from the Fox Lake Conservation League for the Purpose of Upgrading Theatre Equipment to Digital Projector and Manual Roll-up Screen, second by Olson. Olson, yea; Ross, yea; Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2012-27 approved. This amount represents \$10,000 collected for raffle tickets and \$5,000 for theatre contribution from FLCL.

Further discussion was held regarding the e-Dispatch contract and other options that had been researched that would provide dispatching services to ambulance/fire personnel in areas where pagers are not effective. More information is being gathered on programs being written to provide this service free of charge. Motion by Ross to extend the e-Dispatch system contract as is for the next six months and to pay the overage charges incurred to date for a total of \$550.80, second by Behne, carried.

Temperance Lake Ridge construction project update from Miller Architects and Builders was received and reviewed. Parking lots and street patching have been completed. A question was asked regarding curb design.

Draft copies of the township contracts with the Sherburn Fire Department were distributed for council review. Copies will be provided to the SFD for their input; contract will be acted upon at the next council meeting.

Carlee Hunter appeared before the council regarding a blighted property she is interested in purchasing, but wants the delinquent utility waived, again stating her case for a precedent that she feels would help future property owners. Mayor Roesler explained that the water/wastewater system must operate financially on its own without being subsidized by property taxes, and must be able to set a budget, with or without sales, and that our policy must treat everyone fairly. He then stated that he would form a committee to design a policy that would consider those potential property owners who are trying to improve a neighborhood. Motion by Roesler to appoint Councilor Olson and Mayor Roesler to investigate and recommend to the council an inclusive policy dealing with utility bill collections, second by Ross, carried.

Admin report:

- Citizen response to leaf pick up has been positive. City crew is still working throughout town and will continue as weather permits. Approximately six hours a day have been spent by the public works employees on this task.
- November 15, 2012 is the last day to prepay assessments on the W 1st St/E Cargill St improvement project.
- A meeting with employees and our insurance agent is scheduled for next week to discuss health insurance options, including individual or group renewal.
- City Admin and Public Works Foreman Travis Schuett were subpoenaed to testify in a custody trial; later notified that testimony was not needed.
- Movie projector equipment has started to arrive; more deliveries expected later this week. Installation will begin on Monday, November 12th; manual roll-up screen is ordered, but will be 2-3 weeks before delivery and installation. Collections are at \$75,000.
- Movie box office report received.
- City Hall will be closed for Veterans Day on Monday, November 12, 2012.
- Clean out between W 2nd and W 3rd Streets south of Ringer Drive was begun using payloaders, some trees removed. Area needs to be trenched.
- Old SFD tanker is published on Craig's List, will be in Martin County Star/Peach, LMC and City website; handouts available at City Hall.

Councilor Ross requested the SFD application for employment be updated and retyped; also, consideration being given to a texting plan for the fire chief for improving communications. Mayor Roesler inquired if certain permits could be accessed on line and was informed that there are different forms for which on line access is available, building permits are not. He then requested input from all council members regarding a utility collection policy. Committee members will meet next week to begin the process of developing an inclusive policy.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:13 p.m., at which time council entered into a budget workshop. The next council meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2012.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk