

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
December 1, 2014

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, December 1, 2014 with members Carroll Behne, Dorothy Behne, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Absent, Kurt Olson. Also present City Admin/EDA Director Samuel Hansen and Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen.

In open public comment, Sharon Huse was present on behalf of the Civic & Commerce Club to inform the Council of this year's events during Stay Home, Shop Sherburn on Friday, December 5th through Sunday, December 7th. She noted that some new items included a Horse & Carriage ride and an updated Medallion Race.

Shelly & Warren Olson, and Tanya Tadlock were present to discuss the local food shelf. They were interested in becoming more involved with the food shelf and had some questions about some of the processes.

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

Motion by Ringnell 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, cigarette and off sale beer licenses for Caseys General Store and Kum & Go Convenience and wine/strong beer and on sale beer for Cup n Saucer was declared approved.

At this time the Budget and Levy Public Hearing was called to order. Three citizens were present to hear City Admin/EDA Director Sam Hansen's slide presentation that began with explanations of the city budget, where the money comes from and where it is spent, descriptions of the various funds supported by tax dollars, and the enterprise funds that are expected to support themselves. City Admin/EDA Dir Hansen continued to explain that the proposed levy had been certified with a 4.2% increase for 2015, but additional adjustments were made to the budget that allowed a final levy increase of 0%. The final budget and levy will be adopted at the December 15, 2014 council meeting. The public hearing was declared closed.

At this time the regular Council Meeting reconvened. Nancy Hansen was present to discuss the property at 124 South Main Street that she had purchased on the forfeited land sale last week. Ms. Hansen was requesting that the assessments be forgiven on the property. After discussion as to the amount of the assessments and type of assessments it was determined that more information was needed. Motion by Ringnell to table the discussion until the next meeting, second by C. Behne, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2014-26 Accepting Donation of \$540 from the Federated Rural Electric Trust for the Purchase of Eight Life Jackets, a Ladder, and Eight Boat Bumpers for the Fire Department, second by C. Behne. Ringnell, yea; C. Behne, yea; Ross, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2014-26 approved.

Motion by Ross to approve Resolution 2014-27 Accepting Donation of \$500 from the Minnesota Valley Action Council Headstart, \$10,000 from the Martin County West Early Childhood Initiative, and \$1,000

from the Federated Rural Electric Trust for the Purchase of Playground Equipment, second by C. Behne. Ross, yea; C. Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2014-27 approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2014-28 Approving the Issuance of up to \$2,110,000 G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2014B Subject to the Approval of the Mayor and City Administrator and Ratification by the City Council, second by C. Behne. Ringnell, yea; C. Behne, yea; Ross, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2014-28 Approved.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen explained to the Council that the EDA was currently negotiating the sale of 401 Fairmont Avenue. The potential buyers would need the property rezoned from industrial to business and one of the contingencies of the offer was that the \$500 rezoning fee be waived. After discussion, motion by Ringnell to waive the \$500 rezoning fee as part of the negotiated sale of 401 Fairmont Avenue, second by Ross, carried.

Administrator Report

- There will be a public hearing for the rezoning of 401 Fairmont Avenue from Industrial to Business at the next meeting.
- Each Council Member has received an evaluation form to fill out for the Administrator for the next meeting
- The Council will review all personnel evaluations at the next meeting

At this time the Council moved to the Food Shelf to review the facility.

Motion to adjourn by Ross, second by Ringnell, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen