

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
May 4, 2015

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, May 4, 2015 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.

In open public comment, several senior citizens were present to voice their concerns over the possibility of losing their senior citizen center as a possible library location. They asked for support to keep their senior citizen center as they have made it their own over the years and it is a cozy environment with convenient parking.

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

Motion by C. 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.

At this time the public hearing for the note purchase agreement for Goldfinch Estates was called to order. There being no comments, motion by Ringnell to close the public hearing, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2015-8 Adopting a Certain Housing Program; Giving Approval to a Project on Behalf of Vista Prairie at Goldfinch Estates, LLC, a Minnesota Limited Liability Company; and Authorizing the Issuance of its Housing Facilities Revenue Refunding Note (Vista Prairie at Goldfinch Estates Project), Series 2015, second by Olson. Ringnell, yea; Olson, yea; Ross, yea; C. Behne, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2015-8 approved.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen presented the Council with some initial cost estimates for converting the existing senior center into the library. The estimate included removing a wall, new carpet, new ceiling tiles, and changing around the bathrooms. Further discussion was held as to why the senior center location was being looked at it for a possible library space. The current building which the City rents is in dire need of upgrades. Other options such as building new or renovating the old fire hall are not financially feasible. Converting a building that is already city-owned will result in a substantial cost-savings. Concern was expressed about the possibility of there being another empty building on Main Street. City Admin Hansen also explained that there would be other additional costs associated with the move such as a new circulation desk, computer space, signage, exterior dropbox etc. Motion by Olson to proceed with relocating the library to what is currently the senior citizen center, second by C. Behne, approved.

Motion by Ross to approve Resolution 2015-9 Accepting Donation of \$8428.08 from Sherburn ECI and Region 9 Area Inc for the Purchase of Playground Equipment at South Park, second by Olson. Ross, yea; Olson, yea; Ringnell, yea; C. Behne, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2015-9 approved.

City Admin/EDA Director Hansen presented the Council with a proposal from Barga Inc. to put down RePlay for \$1.50 per square yard. Hansen explained we would do this instead of chip-sealing the roads

that were approved last year as once they are chip-sealed you can no longer use RePlay. Motion by Ringnell to allow Bergen Inc. to put RePlay on the 5 ½ blocks, second by Ross, approved.

In other business it was noted that Junk Day went over well and ran smoothly. Councilor Ross questioned whether anything had been looked into regarding updating street signs and noted that maybe it should be addressed at budget time.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen