

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, August 5, 2013 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 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 Ross, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

A group of citizens were present to express their concerns about a proposed route for the ITC Midwest transmission lines in which the lines come south of Interstate 90 into city limits. These concerns were based off of many factors including expansion of a church, expansion of a business, possible health concerns and the effect on property valuations. Councilor Ross assured everyone that the City was well represented on the Advisory Task Force. He reminded everyone that this is the beginning of a process and another route that does not enter city limits has been recommended. Overall the group of citizens requested that the City have their attorney send a letter stating our concerns over having the transmission lines come into city limits.

After discussion, motion by Ringnell to have City Staff direct the City Attorney to send a letter to ITC Midwest and various representatives to let them know our stance on keeping the transmission lines out of city limits, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by C. Behne to approve Resolution 2013-08 Resolution Accepting Donation of a Water Fountain from Sherburn Nursery for the Purpose of Beautifying our Parks, second by Ringnell. C. Behne, yea; Ringnell, yea; Ross, yea; Olson, yea; D. Behne, yea. Resolution 2013-08 approved.

City Administrator/EDA Director Hansen discussed a rezoning fee that has not yet been paid. He explained that the actual fees incurred will be greater than the rezoning fee. A recommendation was made to send the property owner a letter explaining the fee and to include other opportunities available through the EDA.

Administrator Report:

- June theatre report has been received.
- The 1st Regional Safety Group meeting will be this week.
- Deputy Clerk Steffensen will be on vacation August 12-16.
- The public works employees will be attending grader school next week

Motion by Ringnell to move the September 2, 2013 Council Meeting to September 4, 2013 at 5 p.m. due to the Labor Day holiday, second by Olson, carried.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell noted that the siren has been delivered and install will be done once Fairmont receives their sirens. Councilor Ross noted that the Fire Department has cleaned the water tower. A question was raised as to the progress on the railroad crossing on Main Street.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Nicole Steffensen