

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
March 12, 2012

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Robert Roesler on Monday, March 12, 2012 with members Jeff Ross, Robert Roesler, Carroll Behne, Brad Ringnell and Kurt Olson present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

City Admin Letzring shared additional information and estimates received for the installation of a grill at the municipal liquor store that will allow expanded menu items. Council consensus was in favor of this project, but not at all costs, and it was agreed that more information is needed. Motion by Olson to refer this project to the Liquor Store Committee with authorization to investigate full costs including installation, second by Ross, carried. In place of Councilor Behne, Mayor Roesler will serve on the Liquor Store Committee with Councilor Ringnell.

Further discussion was held regarding the use of the Sherburn ambulance at the Fairmont racetrack for 27 Friday nights commencing March 2012. Although additional income will be generated, legal counsel and the city auditor have advised against this for reasons of liability and improper use of city equipment. Racetrack promoter Gary Jacobsen was present to answer any questions.

Motion by Ringnell to designate \$22,804 towards the digital theatre projection equipment purchase as these funds were originally intended, second by Olson. After discussion, motion by Ringnell to withdraw his previous motion and amend it to include \$4,235 previously spent on repair and maintenance items, bringing the total designated amount to \$27,039, second by Olson, carried.

Administrator report:

- Theatre report was received for four movies shown.
- During the Alliant Energy webinar it was learned that the MN PUC granted a temporary 20% rate increase. The final effective increase that was approved was 13%, so most customers will see a refund on their next bill. An additional fee will be added for renewable energy recovery.
- A council workshop is scheduled for Monday, March 19 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss future plans for the Temperance Lake Ridge expansion project and financing options.
- Open Book Meeting has been scheduled for April 16, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
- City offices will be closed on March 13 and March 15 for audit fieldwork.

Councilor Ringnell inquired how leasing the community hall differs from leasing an ambulance to the racetrack to gain additional funds for the city, but was countered with the question of need for only one ambulance in the fleet. Motion by Behne to reopen the discussion regarding the use of a Sherburn ambulance at the Fairmont racetrack, second by Olson. Mayor Roesler stated that the auditors would be present on Tuesday and their advice would be sought, as well as that of legal counsel.

Councilor Ross asked about the many cats he has noticed in several neighborhoods; in addition to the time of year, people are continuing to feed them, which results in overpopulation. Ross also commended public works staff for a great job of snow removal after the last blizzard.

Mayor Roesler inquired about the programmable thermostats in all city buildings and was informed that they are all programmed differently to suit the individual needs of the buildings.

Following additional discussion about how the ambulance personnel will be paid by the racetrack association, motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Ross, carried. Meeting was declared adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff