

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

January 17, 2012

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 with members Carroll Behne, Kurt Olson, Robert Roesler and Jeff Ross present. Absent, Brad Ringnell. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

Motion by Olson to approve the updated agenda, second by Behne, carried.

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills and a cigarette license for Poirot's, Inc. was declared approved.

Council heard a presentation by Heather Berg of Chamber of Commerce of Southern Minnesota and Public/Private Initiative, non-profit companies started by Bradley Berg to help businesses market themselves, and to assist businesses in networking.

City Administrator Jamie Letzring informed the council regarding the market being reached for bid advertisements for the proposed Temperance Lake Ridge expansion project, and inquired if the council wished to advertise in the Builders Exchange as advised by Greg Mitchell of Bolton & Menk. Motion by Olson to advertise for bids in the Builders Exchange as described by the City Administrator, second by Behne, carried. Bid requests are being sought in southern Minnesota, northern Iowa and eastern South Dakota regional publications, as well as twenty lumberyards in these regions.

Discussion was held regarding the digitized projection equipment that may be necessary in the future if our theatre is to continue operations. Questions remain as to the cost of this equipment and the date after which the currently owned equipment will become obsolete. It was agreed that these questions need to be answered and that levy dollars will not be used to fund theatre equipment replacement.

A finalized copy of the 2012 fee schedule was distributed for councilor records.

Administrator report:

- The League has confirmed approval of removing certain items from the bid specifications of the Temperance Lake Ridge proposed expansion.
- Rosburg Construction will remove the South Lake Street garage in the upcoming week.
- Lease agreements for the Clinic and the Incubator Space have been sent out for renewal.
- A meeting with the township designated representatives and council representatives Robert Roesler and Carroll Behne to discuss findings regarding the purchase of a new or used tanker truck for the Sherburn Fire Department and to determine the next course of action will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.
- The equipment plan will be updated to include a leaf mulcher/vac as previously discussed to determine whether or not to move forward with this purchase.

Mayor Roesler stated that he and SWPD Chief Brad Hughes gave a presentation at the Blue Earth County Commissioners meeting regarding our shared police department, and answered questions about the joint powers agreement. He also advised the council that the closed session scheduled for tonight will be postponed to February 6, 2012.

In other business, Councilor Jeff Ross informed the council that the Sherburn Fire Department has been approached by the manager of the Fairmont racetrack to provide a stand-by ambulance for 27 Friday nights March through October, staffed with two EMTs. Questions arose regarding payment of the EMTs, use of the money received for this service, and liability insurance coverage. Gold Cross would do any necessary transport; City Administrator Jamie Letzring will check

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into the liability issue. Also, Liquor Store Manager Steve Frolik is considering a grill in the municipal establishment and is seeking bids for this addition.

Motion by Behne to move the February 6, 2012 council meeting to 4:30 p.m. in order to accommodate several presentations and the closed session that will take place at that meeting, second by Olson, carried.

Motion to adjourn by Ross, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk