

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
February 21, 2012

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 with members Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Jeff Ross and Brad Ringnell present. Absent, Carroll Behne. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

Motion by Olson 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.

City Engineer Greg Mitchell of Bolton and Menk was present with a revised project summary for the proposed Elm Street improvements, including additional sanitary sewer options from Third Street to Fourth Street. Original plans called for horizontal drilling in this area; options and cost comparisons were presented for open trench, alternate route, cured-in-place pipe, slip lining and pipe burst methods of installation. A county tile has since been located along Elm Street. Mr. Mitchell also informed the council that Civil Ag Group is asking the city to reconsider liquidated damages on the West First St/East Cargill St project. Waiver of liquidated damages is being declined.

Liquor Store Manager Steve Frolik reported his findings on costs to install a grill in order to provide more menu options, thereby increasing food sales. Electrical upgrades will be necessary, as well as roof modifications and possible increased insurance costs. Motion by Ringnell to pursue further research of prices and information for kitchen modifications at the Municipal Liquor Store, second by Olson, carried.

Financial Advisor Shannon Sweeney of David Drown Associates was present with his financial model as previously demonstrated in 2005, beginning with a peer group analysis that compared Sherburn with 30 communities of the same size and 25 regional communities. Mr. Sweeney explained that Sherburn's lack of commercial/industrial property and lower property valuations, along with decreased local government aid, has necessitated increased levies, resulting in higher tax rates. He also demonstrated that the city's strengths include a solid fund balance and affordable water rates. Mr. Sweeney answered questions regarding transfers from other funds for tax relief, and bond debt per capita, which is within the state-wide norm.

Councilor Ringnell left the meeting at 6:20 p.m. Motion by Ross to move the next council meeting to Monday, March 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in order to accommodate anticipated bid results from the Temperance Lake Ridge proposed memory care expansion, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ross to approve Resolution 2012-03 Accepting Donation of \$500 from Temperance Lake Ridge to the Sherburn Fire Department for the Purpose of Purchasing an ECG Simulator, second by Olson. Olson, yea; Ross yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2012-03 approved.

Admin report:

- A meeting is scheduled with commercial kitchen suppliers for Temperance Lake Ridge and the liquor store, and the search radius has been increased to include suppliers from northwest Iowa and Fairmont.
- Administrator is participating in an Alliant Energy webinar regarding the 2012 energy price outlook.
- We are waiting to hear from MacQueen regarding the Joint Powers jetter truck for spring availability.

Admin report, cont'd:

- City attorney is not in favor of the racetrack proposal to the Sherburn Fire Department because of liability issues and possible policy violations on the personal use of city equipment. Councilor Ross responded that the City of Fairmont will pay the city rather than the individual, and it is necessary to make a decision soon.

Motion by Olson to adjourn into closed session at 7:10 p.m., second by Ross, carried. Motion by Olson to reconvene regular council meeting, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by Ross to approve a 2% wage increase effective January 1, 2012, second by Olson, carried.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Ross, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk