

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

September 12, 2011

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2011 with members Robert Roesler, Carroll Behne, Jeff Ross and Kurt Olson present. Absent, Brad Ringnell. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

Motion by Behne to approve the minutes as amended for clarification, second by Ross, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved with the exception of one invoice. Motion by Roesler to hold an invoice from Kuehl Electric for further review, second by Behne, carried.

Motion by Ross to acknowledge receipt of building permits from Brad Ringnell and David Swanson, second by Behne, carried.

Further budget discussion was held including possible jetter truck replacement, expansion of Joint Powers for equipment purchases, and future wage requirements. City Administrator Jamie Letzring advised leaving the 2012 levy increase at 4.7% until more information about bond payments and local government aid is received. Motion by Olson to approve Resolution 2011-15 Adopting a Proposed 2011 Tax Levy in the Amount of \$549,917, Collectible in 2012 and Setting the Date and Time for the Public Hearing on Monday, December 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. with a Continuation Hearing on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. if necessary, second by Ross. Behne, yea; Olson, yea; Ross, yea; Roesler, yea. Resolution 2011-15 approved.

Motion by Ross to approve the Certificate of County Board of Classification of Forfeited Land in the City of Sherburn, second by Behne, carried.

Administrator report:

- Significant changes have been made to the federal retroreflectivity mandate that requires all street and road signs to meet certain retroreflectivity levels. Although the policy mandate still exists, the compliance dates have been removed. The policy will address sign reductions and methods of assessment.
- A Temperance Lake Ridge committee meeting will be held next week to discuss the 90% plan completion, after which time project feasibility can be discussed.
- City engineers Bolton & Menk have access to smoke testing equipment and the northwest area of Sherburn, specifically Elm Street, sanitary sewers will be smoke tested for inflow and infiltration information. Residents in this area should not be alarmed if they see white smoke escaping through drains, spouts or sump pump hoses.
- Arrangements have been made to clean out the culvert between W Second and W Third Streets.
- Water main installation on Cargill Street began last week; upon completion, testing will take place. Crews will move to West First Street later this week or early next week.

Councilors Ross and Olson reported that on Saturday, September 17th a row of honeysuckles will be planted along the west boundary of City property on Fox Lake Avenue, and next spring the hedge will be extended along the north boundary in order to provide a wind and snow break. Councilor Ross also reported that the exhaust motors are burned out at the fire hall, and as a result mildew continues to grow. Until the vents are repaired, the doors are occasionally opened to move air and dry out the interior. Repair costs could reach \$2,000. Councilor Behne stated that a street light on South Main Street has not yet been repaired.

Mayor Roesler requested that off-site council tours be resumed so that new council members are able to make sound maintenance judgments on buildings and equipment. He also reported that the variance sub-committee board meeting for a telepharmacy location went well and is moving towards a decision at the next meeting on September 14th. An area provider that had expressed interest has opted out, leaving the project on hold while another provider is sought. The Blandin Foundation grant continues to go forward.

It was decided that there is no need for another council meeting in September; an EDA meeting may be called after September 19th. The next council meeting will be held on October 3rd.

Motion to adjourn by Ross, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk