

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2011

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3, 2011 with members Robert Roesler, Jeff Ross, Brad Ringnell, Carroll Behne and Kurt Olson present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Director Jamie Letzring , Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff and City Attorney Jim Wilson.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

City Attorney Jim Wilson was present to recap and review the findings of fact, conclusions of law and the judgment, including the events leading up to the May 6 trial for the zoning violation that occurred on North Main Street. Mr. Wilson explained that it is now out of council's realm of jurisdiction, as the court order has been issued. The defendant has until November 11 to bring the building into compliance or show cause to the court.

In other business, City Attorney Wilson informed the council that the property owners of the condemned garage on South Lake Street, who were unable to be served condemnation papers, were finally contacted. They have asked permission for additional time to remove the garage themselves.

City Administrator Jamie Letzring updated the council on the progress of the East Cargill/West First Street projects, which is moving forward slowly; curb and gutter will be poured next week.

The administrator's report also included:

- Fall leaf curbside pickup has been scheduled for November 9, 2011
- A computer has been ordered for the Public Works Department for the MPCA-required submission of on-line reports.
- Two estimates have been received for shingling the Town Houses. Work will be done next spring.

Councilor Ringnell insisted that a roll-out sign should be purchased and placed in the school crosswalk intersection, and if any state permits are required, they should be procured. Ringnell was also informed that the storm sewers on Cargill Street have been jetted and dyed to learn that there are separate lines that empty into the South Main system. Councilor Ross inquired if the lighting rebates for the Fire Hall have been received. Payment for this invoice is being withheld until the rebates are received. Ross also stated that he will contact the nursery to place mulch on the new snow break hedges on Fox Lake Avenue.

Mayor Roesler reported on the Mayors Meeting he attended in Trimont, at which numerous items of interest and challenges facing small area cities were discussed. Mayors from Northrop, Truman, Trimont and Welcome addressed issues such as fire safety, sharing public services, and the sign retroreflectivity mandate. The mayors plan to meet again in December. Mayor Roesler also informed the council that the Region Nine executive director is on personal leave.

Councilor Ross informed all present that the Fire Relief Association will meet on October 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m.

At this time Sherburn Librarian Becky Tish presented an update of library programs being offered and activities that have taken place: Homework Helpers adult volunteers, art exploration sponsored by the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota, summer reading program, nutrition and cooking classes, pool party, magician act. Mrs. Tish stated that the Friends of the Library have been very supportive and many donations of games and puzzles have been received. A winter reading program for adults is planned, and the library will be placed on the council tour next spring.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:04 p.m..

Irene Schlaphoff, Deputy Clerk