

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

December 19, 2011

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2011 with members Robert Roesler, Kurt Olson, Carroll Behne, Jeff Ross and Brad Ringnell present. Absent, none. Also present, City Admin/EDA Dir Jamie Letzring and Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff.

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

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

Consent agenda including bills to be paid was declared approved.

Councilor Ross reported that the Sherburn Fire Department held their election of officers, who are as follows: Fire Chief, Bert Schwager; Assistant Chief, Mike Ringnell; Captain, Mike Lyon; Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff Ross; Ambulance Director, Brad Ringnell; and Trustee, Scott Broolsma. Ross also reported that since fire department members had not received a salary adjustment since 2006, they had approved a \$50 increase in officer wages, \$100 increase in Secretary-Treasurer wage, and a \$2.00/hour increase in call wages. Ambulance and fire rates will also be adjusted in 2012 to offset these pay increases. Motion by Behne to approve the wage increase and ambulance/fire charges as discussed, second by Olson, carried. Ross and Ringnell abstained.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2011-21 Adopting the Final 2011 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2012 in the amount of \$533,436.00, second by Olson. Olson, yea; Behne, yea; Ross, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2011-21 approved.

City Administrator Jamie Letzring informed the council that Standard & Poor has confirmed the A+ rating for the City of Sherburn; therefore the 2002A and 2005 bond refinancing has been authorized. Motion by Ross to approve Resolution 2011-22 Providing for the Issuance and Sale of \$610,000 G.O. Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A and Pledging for the Security Thereof Special Assessments and Levying a Tax for the Payment Thereof, second by Ringnell. Ringnell, yea; Ross, yea; Behne, yea; Olson, yea; Roesler, yea; Resolution 2011-22 approved.

Discussion was continued regarding the purchase of a used jetter vac; Mayor Roesler reported that the Joint Powers mayors were in favor of moving forward with this purchase. City Administrator Letzring presented options available to finance this purchase, inquiring after council's preference and sharing the preferred option of the other JPE entities. Motion by Ringnell to recommend to JPE Option 3 by which \$40,000 is used from the JPE account and the remaining \$24,125 is shared by the JPE entities, second by Olson, carried. Council was also reminded that the League of MN Cities Insurance Trust mandates a sanitary sewer maintenance program or cities face significant premium increases.

City Administrator Jamie Letzring recapped the timeline for the Temperance Lake Ridge proposed memory care expansion: A pre-bid conference will be held in January with local contractors, drawings will be re-issued during February, bids will be received on March 1st. The bond sale will be organized during this time, and once bids are awarded, work can begin in April 2012.

Authorization has been received for demolition of a garage on South Lake Street; a local contractor has been contacted and demolition within the next two weeks is anticipated.

Motion by Ringnell to move the January 2nd council meeting to January 3, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. and to move the January 16th council meeting to January 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m., second by Ross, carried.

City Administrator Letzring announced that closed session for employee reviews will take place at the January 3, 2012 council meeting.

Councilor Ringnell inquired about the culvert between West Second and West Third Streets that has been scheduled for clean-out and replacement, and was informed that the contractor has experienced another delay.

Mayor Roesler and City Administrator Letzring updated the council regarding funding concerns and options for the proposed Temperance Lake Ridge expansion project, advice from financial advisor Shannon Sweeney, the Blandin Foundation grant, and proposed clinic, physical therapy area and pharmacy potential. Mayor Roesler stated that an EDA meeting may be necessary to further these discussions. Mayor Roesler also informed all present that Councilor Jeff Ross has agreed to meet with City Administrator Letzring to discuss employee wage and benefit adjustments.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Irene Schlaphoff