

COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

Council members present: Tammy Konz, Nate Osmundson and Eric Loewen; Chris Jansky absent and Joe Krippner arrived at 7:19

Others present: Mary Johnson, Carol Newman, Shannon Dahl, Jean Matua, Chad Johnson, Chris Langness, Joan Zongo and Tony Zongo

Newly elected Council member Nate Osmundson took the Oath of Office.

Motion made Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the following addendums to the agenda:

- Historical Society
- Triple R Grill & Bar Late Fee Letter
- Anna Albrecht Reconnection Fee Letter
- Jim Frilstad Vacation Carryover request
- Snow Plowing
- Sidewalk Clearing
- Closed meeting for employee allegation of misconduct

and the following item to the consent agenda:

- Additional employee vacation request

motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded Nate Osmundson to approve the November 23, 2010 Joint Meeting with Maine Prairie Township minutes; motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve the December 7, 2010 minutes; motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the claims; motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Items #7 Resolution No. 01042011F Resolution Adopting a Mailboxes and Mailbox Supports Policy and #8 Resolution No. 01042011G Resolution Adopting a Utility Billing Policy were removed from the consent agenda

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Transfer \$9,000.00 from the Water Fund and \$4,500.00 from the Sewer Fund to the 2005 Bond Fund
2. Transfer \$26,001.00 from the Water Fund and \$26,001.00 from the Sewer Fund to the 2006 Bond Fund
3. Transfer \$50,745.00 from the Sewer Fund to the 2008 Bond Fund
4. Transfer \$28,050.50 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund for 2011 Fire Contract
5. Resolution No. 01042011A Resolution Accepting Donation Received
6. Employee Vacation Requests

motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Council members discussed the proposed Mailboxes and Mailboxes Support Policy.

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve Resolution No. 01042011F Resolution Adopting a Mailboxes and Mailbox Supports Policy; motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Council members discussed the proposed Utility Billing Policy and the letter from Triple R Grill and Bar regarding their late fee. No action was taken on the proposed policy as City Ordinance already states in section 815.01 Subd. 1 and 2 that bills are due on the due date and late fees are applied to all accounts not paid by the due date. The Council instructed the City Clerk to send a copy of the Ordinance to Triple R Grill and Bar as they had requested.

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve the following 2011 License, contingent upon the receipt of a certificate for liquor liability insurance and approval from the Commissioner of Public Safety

- Generations Ballroom
 1. On-Sale Liquor License
 2. On-Sale Sunday Liquor License
 3. Dance License

motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to appoint Joe Krippner as Acting Mayor; motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Nate Osmundson and seconded by Tammy Konz to appoint Eric Loewen to the Park Board; motion carried

Council members Chris Jansky and Joe Krippner absent

Council member Joe Krippner arrived at 7:19

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to appoint Tammy Konz and Joe Krippner to the Personnel Committee; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to appoint Joe Krippner to the Fire Board; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to appoint Tammy Konz and Nicole Pilarski as Fire Relief Association Trustees; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to adopt Resolution No. 01042011B Resolution Designating Official Appointments as presented for remaining 2011 appointments, copy attached; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Carol Newman from the Historical Society showed the Council what they applied for a grant for as far as current work being done on City Hall and said that she would have Mary make a payment from the Historical Society for the amount owed from 2010.

Officer Langness gave the monthly Police report.

Mayor Konz stressed the fact that if the Police or Public Works Department sees sidewalks and/or fire hydrants in need of cleaning after a snowfall they should notify someone in the City Office so these matters are more quickly taken care of.

Re-elected Council member Joe Krippner took the Oath of Office.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to adopt Resolution No. 01042011C Resolution Authorizing Signature Authority for City Accounts; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

The Council discussed the letter from Anna Albrecht regarding waiving her reconnection fee. No action was taken by the Council as she did not make an effort to contact the City ahead of time regarding her utility account and failed to meet deadlines she agreed to with the Deputy Clerk.

Shannon Dahl spoke to the Council about his building permit. He felt it unfair that the City charges such a high fee for a permit for storm damage. The Council explained that permit fees are based on the valuation of the work being done not on why the work is being done. Mr. Dahl stated that he still thinks the fees are too high and wants to know the portion that the City received of the fee. He felt it was unfair to charge a high fee when the entire permit was not filled out. The Council explained to him that the section on the permit he was referring to would not pertain to a re-roofing permit. Council member Loewen told Mr. Dahl to make a list of concerns he had with the inspection that was performed and give it to the City Clerk so that the issues can be properly addressed.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to waive the copy fee for a copy of the City's contract with MNSPECT if Mr. Dahl wishes to obtain a copy; motion carried
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Mayor Konz said the Lions will be assisting with demolition work on the upstairs of City Hall on the 10th, and that the Lions had also said they would help maintain the hockey rink in the winter. She also showed the Council a drawing the Lions had done for new bathrooms at the park shelter.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to close the regular meeting at 8:32 to discuss allegations of employee misconduct; motion carried
Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to reopen the regular meeting at 9:14; motion carried
Council member Chris Jansky absent

The Council discussed clustering mailboxes in town, snow plowing and the clearing of sidewalks.

The Employee Handbook will be finalized at the next meeting on the 18th.

There will be a Special Meeting on January 27th at 6pm to discuss goals.

The Council discussed the request by Jim Frilstad to carry over vacation past his anniversary date.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve Jim Frilstad's carry-over of vacation past his anniversary date; Tammy Konz and Joe Krippner opposed

Motion died for lack of votes

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the following wage increases effective January 1, 2011 Ed Borman .25¢, Chad Johnson .25¢, Jim Frilstad .25¢, Chris Langness \$1.00 and Nicole Pilarski .50¢; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Joe Krippner to adjourn at 9:50; motion carried

Council member Chris Jansky absent

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski