

COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2010

Meeting called to order at 6:59pm by Mayor Tammy Konz

Council members present: Tammy Konz, Eric Loewen, Joe Krippner, Chris Jansky and DuWayne Orbeck

Others present: Randy Sabart, Chad Johnson, David Blommel, Chris Langness, Jim Frilstad and Jean Matua

Addendums to the agenda are Snow Removal, Fiber Optic Cable and Bradley Mies Letter

Motion made by DuWayne Orbeck and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve the December 21, 2009, minutes; motion carried

Motion made by DuWayne Orbeck and seconded by Chris Jansky to approve the claims; motion carried

The following items were removed from the consent agenda and place on the regular agenda:

1. Appoint Pagel Law Office as legal counsel for 2010
2. Change February 2, 2010, council meeting to (other date) due to it being uniform precinct caucus day and council may not meet after 6pm
3. Change November 2, 2010 council meeting to (other date) due to it being election day
4. Appoint acting Mayor for 2010
5. Appoint 2010 special committees

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Joe Krippner to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Appoint the State Bank of Kimball, Atwater State Bank and The United Bankers of Bloomington as the Official Depositories for 2010
2. Appoint Tri-County News as the Official Newspaper for city publications and notices for 2010
3. Appoint Larson Allen as the Official Auditor for 2010
4. Appoint SEH as the Official Inspection Firm for 2010

motion carried

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to appoint Pagel Law Office as legal counsel for 2010; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to change February 2, 2010, council meeting to February 9, 2010; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to change November 2, 2010, council meeting to November 1, 2010; motion carried

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

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to appoint Tammy Konz and Joe Krippner to the Personnel Committee, Eric Loewen and Tammy Konz to the Park Board and Joe Krippner to the Fire Board; motion carried

Dustin and/or Jeff Orbeck were not present; therefore no discussion was held regarding the rental ordinance

Randy Sabart from SEH presented the Proposed Improvements Summary to the council regarding the 2010 Utility and Street Improvement project. Changes were discussed regarding street width on Oak Street, new sidewalks and sidewalk replacements; council also discussed tree removal and trimming and getting a diagram of which trees will be affected in the city. Discussions were also held on installing a pretreatment system for Knaus Sausage House (due to high strength waste overloading the ponds) and if they are planning on expanding in the future. Randy also mentioned getting easement documents for the Alley between Main Street and Oak Street and easement documents for Hazel Avenue from Elm Street to the Proposed Storm Pond. The discussed changes should be made for submittal to Rural Development.

Police Chief Jim Frilstad handed out his monthly call report for December 2009 and also reported on vehicle leasing. He is going to be getting a few more vehicle bids and will again inform the council of pricing and options. He also discussed billing \$75 per incident to respond to security alarms being set off. Chief Frilstad is going to have Ashley Capes and Chris Lankness attend the Drive Safe Class in Buffalo on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. He will have information packets ready to go for the council at the February 9, 2010, council meeting. Chief Frilstad mentioned talking with Maine Prairie to provide service and moving to the new building.

Council members held a discussion on setting copy charges for data requests.

Council members held a discussion on setting Open Forum time limits when applicable to 5 minutes to give everyone a chance to speak.

Snow Removal around fire hydrants and sidewalks was discussed. These must be checked 1 day/week when applicable after snowfall and proper ordinance procedure will be followed.

Eric Loewen discussed whether the ability to install Fiber Optic Cable while performing a street project was feasible.

Tammy Konz read a letter from Bradley Mies regarding placing bat houses in Willow Creek Park to help achieve his Eagle Scout status. Council members approved of the idea and also mentioned placing Purple Martin houses in the park.

Discussion was held on who should attend the Stearns County Municipal League Meeting January 19, 2010, in St. Martin. DuWayne Orbeck or Eric Loewen may be attending.

Motion made by DuWayne Orbeck and seconded by Eric Loewen to adjourn meeting at 9:50; motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski