

SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2010

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

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

Others present: Chris Jeppesen

The possible Kuechle settlement of \$25000 was discussed and whether to set it aside for the future repairs needed in the affected area or if it would be possible to give it back to the tax payers

Meeting was closed at 7:11 to discuss applicant for Zoning Administrator/Utility Coordinator that had arrived for interview (applicant was unable to interview March 9<sup>th</sup> due to being out of town)

Meeting was reopened at 7:42

Rental Ordinance issues were discussed

- The council stated they were first told that if the owner of the premises lived on site with the person who is renting the ordinance would not apply
- They have now been told this is not the case as there is no common kitchen shared between the owner of the premises and the person who is renting; thus creating two separate livable spaces
- Owners of rental property in the city were given incorrect information in the first mailing packet that went out and there was also a letter that had been missed being sent out

These items will be discussed further at the March 2, 2010 regular council meeting

Electrical Inspection fees for MNSPECT were discussed and whether they were charging fees comparable to the state or not. Tammy will be calling Dennis at MNSPECT to check into this

The council would like flyers for made up for city residents regarding the 2010 Street Project so they can become more aware of the city project; they will also be going door to door. The council also talked about how to assess the street project

After settlement with Kuechle the council with need to check with SEH on the affected properties so owners can be notified that workers will be fixing issues in their area again

Discussion on increasing the budget 1.7% each year was discussed and what effect this would have on the reserve remaining at a 6-month level as advised by the city auditors. The City Clerk is to check into energy efficient street light bulbs from Xcel Energy

The council talked about communication; not only with citizens but with area businesses, employees and the school board. The City Clerk is to check into pricing on billboards and possible placement at Gohmann's and/or Arnold's. The council also discussed possibly starting to write articles for the newspaper the way the Watershed District, School Board, etc. do to help citizens become more aware

The Comprehensive Plan was discussed and the council mentioned finalizing the land use ordinances

Council members asked about the status of the furnace issues in City Hall. Clerk reported it had been working now for the past week after the heating company replaced part after part but the Police Department area is still not working correctly. Mayor Konz met with the company representative and informed him that the city would like to see the furnace replaced due to the numerous issues this winter

Mayor Konz stated that she had talked with Bonnie Zutz regarding making shelves for the library. The City Clerk is to check into finding the library contract

Goals were prioritized as follows:

1. 2010 Street Project
2. 2010 Budget
3. Communication
4. Comprehensive Plan
5. City Hall Renovation (Stage area)

Motion made Joe Krippner and seconded by Chris Jansky to adjourn meeting at 9:21pm; motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski