

COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 1, 2011

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

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

Others present: Jean Matua, Jim Frilstad, Doug Stenger, Steve Smith, John Adolph, Chris Langness, Jason Libbesmeier and Gina Libbesmeier

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the addendums of Stearns County Flood Information and a Citizen Complaint regarding Snow Plowing to the agenda; motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the February 1, 2011 minutes; motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the February 15, 2011 Joint Special Meeting minutes; motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the claims; motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Transfer \$500.00 from General Fund back to Fire Department per Fire Department Budget to correct Snow Removal entry
2. Transfer \$2,682.00 from 2008 Bond Fund back to Sewer Fund to correct Bond Payment entry
3. Employee Vacation Requests
4. Deputy Clerk to attend Planning & Zoning training March 9, 2011 in St. Cloud

motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Jason Libbesmeier spoke with the Council about parking his semi-truck at his house. Per City Ordinances this is not allowed unless he obtains a Conditional Use Permit. The Council also said he could check with Lonnie Hendricks or Maus' about truck parking. The City Clerk will make sure he receives a packet of information regarding obtaining a Conditional Use Permit.

The Council discussed issues with those present regarding K-Bid continually blocking alleyways and driving on sidewalks. Residents in the area are unable to use their alleyway and people are unable to navigate Hazel Ave safely with people not parking properly while at K-Bid. The residents that were present were told about the City's complaint process. Council members have tried speaking with both the building owner and business owner about the issue.

Doug Stenger presented his estimate for finishing the plaster removal in the upstairs of City Hall. Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to accept the estimate in the amount of \$1,675.00; motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Mr. Stenger also presented 2 options for ceiling choices in the hallways and stairway. The Council chose to go with the 1 x 8 to match the wainscoting.

John Adolph spoke to the Council about his irrigation project. Mayor Konz read a statement from Councilmember Loewen regarding the irrigation project as he was unable to make it to the meeting. Mr. Adolph did not agree with some of the verbiage in the easement; items 4b, 4e and all of section 5 were discussed. The council agreed to remove item 4b and change section 5 regarding the easement termination and pipe removal; new verbiage will include no termination as long as the property is owned by John Adolph or his heirs for the purpose of irrigation, making the City aware of a change in ownership and upon termination cutting and capping the pipe instead of removal. In regards to item 4e, the check will be held at City Hall and returned after an inspection has been completed by Township Board member Loewen.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to approve the verbiage in the easement for John Adolph upon receiving it back from the attorney with the recommended changes as noted above; motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Chief Frilstad gave the monthly police report. The new squad will be getting equipped on the 14th.

The Council discussed the request from Steve Croat to have his reconnection fees credited back to his account.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to deny the request; motion carried

Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

The City Clerk discussed installing gas service at the Lions Shelter. The Council wanted to make sure that the old part of the shelter is insulated. The City Clerk also discussed getting a City Credit Card and the update on the hail damage claim. Councilmembers did not have a problem with getting a City Credit Card to be kept in the office for uses such as booking training, hotel room, etc.

Steve Smith from MNSPECT informed the Council about the upcoming open house at the Fire Hall on the 21st and updated them on rental inspection properties.

The Council discussed the employee handbook and providing uniform shirts for public works employees. Councilmember Jansky wanted to make sure a section was included regarding Police Dept. equipment and uniforms. This section will be changed and the handbook will be finalized at the next meeting when the whole Council is present.

The Council discussed the Stearns County flood information request.

The City Clerk informed the Council of a snowplowing complaint made on the 24th; after viewing the area that day it was apparent that no action needed to be taken.

Annexation will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilmember Osmundson said the Historical Society inquired about blinds for City Hall. They had previously received permission to put some up but need to bring samples to the Council for approval.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Nate Osmundson to adjourn at 9:36; motion carried
Council members Eric Loewen and Joe Krippner absent

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski