

COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 16, 2010

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 7:04pm

Pledge of Allegiance recited

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

Others present: Sherry Donabauer, John Johnson and Ty Turnquist

Addendums to the agenda are Ty Turnquist from MNSPECT regarding the Appeals Board for the Rental Ordinance

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to approve the March 1, 2010 Special Meeting minutes; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to approve the March 2, 2010 minutes; motion carried

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve the March 8, 2010 Special Meeting minutes; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by DuWayne Orbeck to approve the March 9, 2010 Special Meeting; motion carried

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Joe Krippner to approve the claims; motion carried

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded by Eric Loewen to approve the following consent agenda items:

1. Order Late Utilities to be turned off March 17, 2010
2. City Clerk and Public Works to attend Utility Employee Training in Waite Park March 30, 2010
3. Chad Johnson to take vacation June 10 & 11, 2010 & June 14 – 18, 2010

motion carried

John Johnson asked the council to waive his \$75 reconnection fee from February due to the fact that he was in the hospital.

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to waive John Johnson's reconnection fee from February due to the fact that he was in the hospital and since his account is in good standing; motion carried

Council discussed letter received from Stix & Brix asking to forgive January late fee in the amount of \$216.62.

Motion made by DuWayne Orbeck and seconded by Joe Krippner to forgive Stix & Brix January late fee in the amount of \$216.62; motion carried

Sherry Donabauer from Thomes Insurance Group presented the council with an insurance renewal packet. The following items were voted on:

1. The council must vote on whether or not to waive the statutory tort liability limit.
In past years the council has elected to waive the limit as claims may occur which may not be considered tort claims such as federal or civil rights claims.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by DuWayne Orbeck to **Waive** meaning the city has elected **not** to limit a single claimant to MN Statute 466.04 limit but make up to the full policy limit available; motion carried

2. Does council still vote NOT to take the No-Fault Sewer Backup coverage as they have in the past years? If cities are at fault, coverage would be subject to the liability coverage in the policy.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Chris Jansky to not elect the No-Fault Sewer Backup Coverage; motion carried

3. Does the city wish to increase its Excess Liability Limit from \$1,000,000 to a higher limit? Each additional \$1,000,000 liability limit is \$1,500 annually; maximum limit available is \$5,000,000. This is the maximum to be available in any one policy period.

Motion made by Chris Jansky and seconded DuWayne Orbeck to not increase its Excess Liability Limit from \$1,000,000 to a higher limit; motion carried

Ty Turnquist from MNSPECT discussed the Rental Ordinance Appeals Board process with the council. Council discussed having the Appeals Board meet at the first regular meeting each month and appeals must be received, in writing, by the City Clerk at least 14 days prior to the meeting of the Appeals Board. Ty will be contacting Rhonda about amending the rental license if a property owner should add more sleeping rooms than originally licensed for. The final Rental Ordinance Appeals Board process will be discussed for approval at the next council meeting.

Council discussed things to add to the quarterly newsletter.

There is a meeting with Maine Prairie Township at the Fire Hall on March 22, 2010 to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

Council members discussed formally offering the stage area following the wall to the library.

Council members also discussed having a student from the school becoming at liaison with the city council.

The council would like Mr. Thomas G. Jovanovich from Rajkowski Hansmeier to attend the next council meeting and discuss his proposal to represent the city.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by DuWayne Orbeck to adjourn at 8:30pm;
motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski