

City Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Steve Feyma called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Lynn O'Brien and Margie Ritter. Also in attendance were representatives from both ICTV, and Scenic Range Newspaper, and Phil Moore.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the December 21, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Lynn, seconded by Margie. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Margie and seconded by Lynn to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Claims for Approval List, and Correspondence to include Grand Rapids Area Cable Commission, Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board, ARDC – Arrowhead Grant Assistance Program, 4th Annual Greenway Area Recreational Fishing Tournament, and RAMS minutes. Motion carried.

Public Forum: None

Additions to Agenda: None

Reports:

Maintenance – The Mayor stated that the parts were in for the Terex and that Bill would be working on this plus his snow removal duties. Lynn told the Council that there were ruts, that were from the plow truck getting stuck, on properties at Steinhart Circle and that Schwartz has it on their list for repairs in the spring. Other areas also had sod removed from the plowing, all to be addressed next spring.

Attorney – None

Engineer – Glen reported on the lighting issues and that he remembered the extra street light on Fraser Street. He has contacted PUC and scheduled the removal of the light this week. He also will work with Bill on the LED fixtures, as he agrees that the Park does seem darker.

Mayor – None

Clerk – None

Council – None

Committees:

Personnel – We have had applicants for the rink attendant position. The rate of pay for the rink attendant was discussed. Lynn said that the summer help was paid \$10.00 an hour and to make it consistent the pay should be raised from \$9.00 to \$10.00 an hour. Margie made the motion to increase the rink attendant pay to \$10.00 an hour and Lynn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The age of rink attendants was also discussed, the Clerk will do more research on the this.

Park/Recreation– Lynn is currently working on the rink schedule. Bill asked last year if we could get a bench for outside the warming shack. Lynn talked to Tony and he has agreed to build the bench with Council’s approval and with permission to purchase the supplies from Latvala’s which the Council approved with appreciation.

Facilities/Equipment – None

Zoning – The next Zoning Meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2017.

Technology – None

Utilities – Lynn would like to attend the next Utilities Meeting.

GreenSteps – None

Old Business:

A. Hunting Ordinance – Lynn brought up the changes our attorney, John Licke, made to the Ordinance and wanted more clarification. This was tabled for further review.

B. Final Payment to Itasca County for LaPrairie Ave. - Glen reviewed the final invoice from Itasca County for \$14, 836.10. The invoice represents the final retainage to the County’s contractor plus the City’s share of construction staking and materials testing. He recommended that the Council approve payment to Itasca County as invoiced. Lynn asked about the funds, and the Mayor responded that he had reviewed the funds with the accountants and the funds were available. Margie made the motion to approve the payment and Lynn seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. Initial Public Meeting – Proposed Levy 2017. Mayor Feyma discussed how the budget had been carefully reviewed and the proposed Levy has remained the same. The Council discussed

possible projects for the next year and only maintenance projects have been scheduled. The Subsequent Public Meeting was scheduled for December 19, 2016.

Adjourn: The motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Margie to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlana Hess, City Clerk

Steve Feyma, Mayor