

June 5, 2017

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Lynn O'Brien called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Margie Ritter, Vic Moen, Tony Donahue, and Amy Thurm. Also in attendance were representatives from ICTV, Scenic Range Newspaper, and City Engineers Bob Beaver, and Jayson Newman.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the May 15, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes was made by Ritter, seconded by Donahue. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Moen and seconded by Donahue to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Claims for Approval List, and Correspondence to include the LMC – Budget, Bulletin, and Small Cell Wireless Bill, MAOSC & Membership dues, DEED, RAMS, The Ranger, Sandy Laymen 2018 Capital Budget System, Firewise, and Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board Annual Invoice. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum:

Additions to Agenda:

Reports:

Maintenance – sign overnight camping, 2009 Truck – After reviewing the ordinances and discussing the options, Ritter made a motion to purchase the signs for the City of LaPrairie Property with the same hours as the City Park and to purchase the other signs as requested. Moen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Moen had discussed with Bill Hildreth, City maintenance, the need for the truck box repairs and it was decided that no major repairs would be done. The Truck Capital Fund balance of \$15,000 was discussed and the yearly transfer of \$5000 to this fund questioned. The Clerk will speak with our Finance Director, Laura Pfeifer regarding the Truck Capital Fund and arrange a time for the Mayor to meet with her.

Attorney – Robert Rules - John Licke, City Attorney, reviewed the Robert Rules of Order. He recommended that each year at the Organizational Meeting that we declare the use of Robert Rules of Order. He also recommended a policy for appointment procedures.

Engineer – Niemala ditch – Bob Beaver, City Engineer, introduced Jayson Newman a City Engineer with SEH who has been working with Hildreth on our speed radar equipment. Beaver explained the

problems with the Niemala ditch. He distributed a map for the Glenwood Drive Ditching and explained the situation. He will have quotes for the cost of this project at the next meeting.

Beaver informed the Council that Glen Hodgson, City Engineer, was working on the survey, the crack sealing, and the trail property process. They will report back at the next meeting.

The Mayor had a resident who lives at 704 Walters ask about a deep ditch that was too steep to mow following the work done on Walters. Beaver stated that he will address this situation and get back with information. She also mentioned the speed on Walters. Jayson Newman, City Engineer, explained that the speed radar sign could be moved and set for data collection only. He will discuss this with Hildreth.

Mayor – No additional information.

Clerk – None

Council – None

Committees:

Personnel – Applicants will be interviewed on Wednesday for the Summer Youth Programs which start on Monday the 12th of June.

Park/Recreation – Donahue distributed unapproved minutes from the Park and Recreation Meeting on May 31, 2017. He reviewed the Summer Youth Programs, summer picnic scheduled for August 3 at 5:00 pm, and the status of the park equipment.

Facilities/Equipment – The breaker for the outlets for the Council Meeting Room are located outside the building and Moen asked Hildreth to get quotes to change this. Moen also asked the County for an assessment of the siren to determine what needs to be repaired and hopes to have this information by the next meeting.

Zoning – The next meeting will be June 14th at 6:00 pm.

Technology – None

Utilities – The Utility Committee met with Karen Olson and Julie Kennedy from GRPUC to discuss aligning the procedures and ordinances for the utilities billing which will result in cost savings for the City of LaPrairie.

GreenStep – Moen discussed the Farmer's Market and Thurm informed the Council that she had placed ads in the Herald Review and Mines and Pines papers with no response from vendors. She stated it looked like a no go at this point and Moen said that the fate of the Farmers Market will be

discussed at the next GreenStep meeting. Katie Nelson will contact the City Clerk to get more involved with the GreenStep web page to maintain the city's future as a GreenStep Community.

Old Business:

A. Animal Ordinance – Following discussion, Moen made the motion to accept the Domestic Animal Control Agreement with Grand Rapids and Ritter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Tax Forfeit Land – Brush pile option – Ritter made the motion, and Donahue seconded that the City apply for the CUP for the brush pile. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

A. Quality Flow System – Following discussion, Donahue made the motion to accept the quote for the Quality Flow System to perform the maintenance on the lift stations and Moen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: The motion was made by Donahue and seconded by Ritter to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlana Hess, City Clerk

Lynn O'Brien, Mayor