

Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2012

Approved

Call to order at 7:06 pm by Mayor Stanek

Roll call. All but Myhre in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance

Garvin/Mendum to approve minutes from Sept 11 and Sept 25. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

Jim Stott is wondering why the City is continuing to go round and round about the City Administrator. What is the criteria? Who reviews it? After you hire them, what is in their job description? Do you have periodic reviews? If you will have meetings, can you put something together for the members of the general public to review prior to the meetings? Need handouts for the general public. Consider a long term contract with penalty clauses, to give stability.

Eileen Nale, stated she made a mistake quoting Larry Krueger and will make the change in this week's paper.

Tom Quilty, lives in the Town of Lindina. He is concerned with the proposed powerline going through the County. There is a public meeting at the library at 8pm on Wednesday October 17, 2012. He feels the powerline will be a real disturbance to the community. The line will be 150 miles in length. He is working with the decline the line group, SOUL and EPIC, and he is concerned with the lack of information they have been receiving from ATC. He wants the City to consider a resolution in opposition to the line and to ask for additional information regarding the proposed line. He left a copy of the resolution with the City Administrator.

Mayor's appointments:

Housing Committee member, currently there is no one in mind and the Mayor is open to suggestion. This would be to replace Joe Madden.

Appointments to the Community Development Authority: Garvin/Helgerson to approve CDA members and the terms noted. All ayes. Carried.

CDA needs two council members on the committee: Helgerson/Mendum to approve Garvin and Myhre to be on the CDA. All ayes. Carried.

Communications:

Garvin – PEP Grant – Nov 9 will be a lock in at the high school. The school needs help with this and Steward will pass out a sign-up sheet.

Helgerson mentioned that the Library may consider being a satellite for the Post Office to sell stamps and to handle some packages. Steward mentioned it is up to the Library Board to make that decision.

Steward communication was on Sebranek

Garvin/Helgerson to extend Schroeder burn permit and to grant one to Ed Mendum. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on Assessor services with Holloway Appraisal Services. Ian Holloway is in attendance. His main concern is getting the records from Jim Rogers and how complete they are with sketches and pictures. The City of Elroy's portion will be \$6000 in the first year if we go with Wonewoc, and \$4,500 in second year. If we go alone then year one is \$7000 and year 2 is \$5000.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve contract with Holloway Appraisal Services, proposal number 1 with Wonewoc, contingent upon Wonewoc approving a contract with Holloway. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

CDBG Planning grant discussion. Patrick Clary of Vierbicher in attendance to present the grant application.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve resolution and grant application for a CDBG downtown planning grant and downtown building inspections. Roll call vote. All ayes.

Steward and Clary presented on the floodproofing project and reviewed the change orders and non-grant eligible add ons.

Steward presented on the city hall roof replacement project and bids.

Garvin/Helgerson motion to approve the contract with Pine Valley Metal Forming to complete a city hall roof repair contingent upon the bid being under the statutory dollar amount requiring a formal bid. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Schultz Park discussion. Helgerson stated the committee wants to keep the park open for walkers. Garvin doesn't want to see the main gate left open, just leave the pedestrian gates open and do not plow the road. Organizations will be notified.

Water off by October 1.

Electric off by November 1

Gates locked November 1

Water and Electric back on April 1

Gates unlocked on April 1

Pedestrian gates left unlocked.

Committees and Committee of the Whole discussion.

Garvin likes the ideas of committees. Helgerson asked what is the point if the committees' decision is then changed by the Council. Krueger thinks every other month is a good plan for the committees. He gets more out of the committee meetings plus staff can attend. Meet as needed as committees, and committee of the whole the next two months then decide if committee of the whole is needed.

Discussion on the Kennel Ordinance. The ordinance committee would like to go back to 5 kennels, and everything else left the same. The Council will direct Jefferson to draft a revision to the ordinance.

Discussion on floodplain ordinance amendment.

Garvin/Krueger motion to amend ordinance number 395 to comply with FEMA and DNR floodplain requirements. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on 2013 goals.

Garvin would like to draft a newsletter and place it in the November utility bill. Garvin would like to list all the 2013 goals of the Council/City and discuss at the November council meeting. He also listed 3 year goals to consider as well.

Discussion on 2013 budget.

Steward explained the benefits included in the budget
Garvin wants the street expenses to show the line item for capital improvements items.
Run the budget at a 1.7% increase to be consistent with social security increase.
Set council discussion of budget on October 30.
Set public hearing for November 13 at 7pm.

Discussion on expenditures.

Garvin/Krueger to approve expenditures as noted. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Utility Commission update.

Krueger mentioned about the well project. Project on hold while waiting for EPA approval of our generator.

Helgerson mentioned that the Library is starting stage 2 of the library rehab project to include a dumbwaiter, and seal the floors in kitchen/bathroom area.

Steward gave an update on new businesses, public nuisances, DNR floodplain grant, the status of the church on Prospect Street and Trick or treating. Church was sold by the County for \$1. Trick or Treating will be 3p to 6p on October 27. The City received a verbal from the DNR to receive the Municipal Flood Control Grant.

November 1 at 9am for the ordinance committee to meet at City Hall to discuss the nuisance ordinance.

Committee of the Whole for October 30 at 6:30pm.

Garvin/Helgerson to adjourn at 9:15 pm. All ayes. Carried.