

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 13th, 2017

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 6:30 PM on the 13th day of March, 2017.

Council present: Nancy Thalberg, Gail Anderson, Paul Kirtz, Karen Ruechel, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Nancy Thalberg presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the meeting agenda. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup>, and February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Engineer Bryan Petzel presented plans for reconstruction of Schmitz Street between Hwy 56 and Bergen Street. The plans include replacement of bituminous, installation of storm sewer, and installation of a 6" drainage line. The proposed area is one block of Schmitz Street north of Hwy 56 and approximately 60 feet of Bergen Street. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve resolution #02-2017, a resolution approving plans and specifications for reconstruction of Schmitz Street, and ordering advertisement for bids. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Michael Gehrke presented the February, 2017 police report. The report lists 1 State citation, 10 warning tickets, 2 law enforcement assists, and 5 ambulance/fire assists. Mike reported that his department worked on overtime parking on city streets. Mike participated in an appreciation ceremony at the high school before one of the basketball games. Mike also attended quarterly mutual aid meeting in Lyle. Discussion was held on enforcement of no parking around the high school. Mike reported that tickets were issued last week to enforce the parking restrictions. Mayor Thalberg requested the City Clerk contact Mower County Public Works Director Mike Hanson to see if no parking signs could be installed on Lewison Street south of Little Cedar Church. Discussion was held on bus routes currently used by Southland bus drivers arriving and leaving the high school. Concerns were whether or not the busses cause damage to City streets and should be restricted to streets maintained by the County. No action was taken at this meeting.

Craig Hegge and Al Sorenson presented the maintenance report to the City Council. Craig reported that a storm sewer pipe is leaking near the Sacred Heart School. The hole was filled temporarily, the pipe will be eliminated with the Hwy 56 street project. Discussion was held on renting a milling machine that would attach to the City skid loader. The maintenance department will possibly rent a machine this summer to repair some potholes in City streets, and repair a portion of the Nursing Home parking lot. Craig reported that the City needs to have a backflow preventer policy & ordinance in place to meet Minnesota Department of Health requirements. The City Clerk was directed to draft a backflow preventer ordinance.

A request was received from Fire Chief Craig Schaefer to have two City Council members sit in on interviews for a new fire chief. Paul Kirtz and Peter Schmitz volunteered to sit in on the interview process.

The bills payable were reviewed.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Ruechel, to approve payment of bills as submitted. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The city clerk presented the January 31st, 2017 financial statements. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a building permit to Jerry Wiste (207 Bergen Street) for construction of a garage, permit allows a variance to the 5 property line

setback requirement. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by Ruechel, to approve a one day raffle permit to the Southland Sportsmen's Club for a Dairy Days raffle. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer reported that the garbage contract will expire on July 31, 2017. The current contract states that unless notice is received 90 days prior to expiration the contract will renew for an additional 2 years. Motion made by Schmitz, seconded by Anderson, to allow the Waste Management garbage contract to renew for an additional two years. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to adjourn. Votes in favor: Anderson, Kirtz, Ruechel, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer