

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 9th, 2016

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a regular meeting was duly held at City Hall at 7:00 pm on the 9th day of November, 2016.

Council present: Mark Anderson, Gail Anderson, Paul Kirtz, Barry Kurtz, and Peter Schmitz.

Council absent: None.

Mayor Mark Anderson presided at the meeting.

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the October 11th, and October 25th, 2016 City Council meeting minutes. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mullenbach addressed the City Council with water drainage issues in front of their property at 10 Bergen Street. Nathan wanted the Council to be aware that water continually sits in front of their driveway. Nathan suggested that the water problem is caused from a neighbor's sump pump continually draining to the street. The City Council reviewed plans to reconstruct the intersection of Bergen and Schmitz Street next summer. The plans show that the water issue in front of Nathan's driveway will be addressed by the city engineer. Exact plans as how to drain the water will not be available until surveys are performed by the city engineer.

Police Chief Michael Gehrke presented the October, 2016 police report. The report lists 1 State citation, 4 warning tickets, and 5 ambulance/fire assists. Mike responded to a report of a stolen car from Corky's corner, car was found 20 minutes later near the high school. Chief Gehrke and Officer Ottman attended Deputy Brady Muelken's funeral in Prior Lake. Brady was an EMT with Adams Ambulance and a Mower County Deputy that passed away unexpectedly. Chief Gehrke and Officer Ottman attended the annual EVOC driving class in Austin. Mike reported that the new squad car has been ordered from Burnsville Dodge and should be received in December. Mike advised the City Council that he will be enforcing the City Ordinance prohibiting citizens from depositing leaves on the City streets.

Fire Chief Craig Schaefer presented the Fire Department report for October. The Department responded to 1 mutual aid call with LeRoy, and 1 ambulance assist, a gas smell alert at Corky's Corner, and a false alarm at the Nursing Home. Craig reported that the Christmas party will be December 10th, 2016 in the American Legion Club.

Motion made by G. Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to approve hiring Lance Ellingson for the part-time position of water quality signatory. The position will be reviewed in one year. Salary was set at \$2000.00 for six months. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the September 30th, 2016 financial statements. The report was approved by the City Council.

Council member Barry Kurtz presented the October Prairie Visions report. Barry reported that a bid has been accepted to continue the bike trail from County Road 52 to County Road 58. Construction could begin this fall. Barry reported that a pot luck pat-on-the-back supper will be held in the LeRoy Community Center on November 28th, at 6:00 pm. All of the City Council is invited to attend.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve a building permit to Mike McCabe (12 Bergen Street) for construction of a 22' X 24' garage addition. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Motion made by Kirtz, seconded by G. Anderson, to approve an increase in the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of water usage to \$9.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of water usage to \$6.00, also to approve an increase in the minimum charge per quarter for the first 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$9.00, and each additional 1000 gallons of sewer usage to \$6.00. New rates will be effective January 1st, 2017. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kirtz, Kurtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The city election returns were reviewed for the November 8th, 2016 election. Election results showed a total of 367 people voting, out of 477 registered voters. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Kirtz, to approve the following election totals: Mayor – Nancy Thalberg 228 votes, Mark Anderson 138 votes, two-year term. Council Member – Karen Ruechel 234 votes, Peter Schmitz 215 votes, Barry Kurtz 151 votes, Michael Cherney 63 votes, four-year terms. Votes in favor: G. Anderson, Kurtz, Kirtz, and Schmitz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

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

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer