

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 9th, 2014

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 September, 2014.

Council present: LeRoy Swanson, Mark Anderson, Rick Hinz, and Barry Kurtz.

Council absent: Paul Kirtz.

Mayor LeRoy Swanson presided at the meeting.

Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Anderson, to approve the August 14<sup>th</sup>, and August 26th, 2014 minutes as recorded. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Police Chief Michael Gehrke presented the August, 2014 police report. The report lists 4 State citations, 6 City citations, 12 warning tickets, 1 fire/ambulance assist, 5 law enforcement assists. Mike assisted with the National Night Out event that was held in the Emergency Services Building. Mike reported a good turnout for the event. Mike reported that the Dodge squad car air conditioner was repaired under warranty.

Council member Mark Anderson reported that a simplexer has been installed on the Emergency Services radio repeater. The simplexer allows the Fire Department and Ambulance crews to receive pages on the Adams channel of their radios. Mark also reported that the Fire Department will be having a First Responder training class this fall.

The bills payable were reviewed.

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

The city clerk presented the July 31st, 2014 financial statements. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Hinz, to approve the financial statement as presented. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

The Prairie Visions report was presented by Barry Kurtz. The meeting was held in the LeRoy Community building on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Discussion was held regarding the treasurer's duties for a non-profit organization. Jerry Utz is working on a grant application for a shelter similar to a small church for location at Norwegian Hill. From recent information, our Shooting Star Trail should be done to Austin in 2015. The Bike Across Minnesota ride was a great success on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> with riders from several states totaling 275 and many good comments on our trail.

Motion made by Anderson, seconded by Kurtz, to accept a pest control service proposal from Plunkett's Pest Control. The proposal will provide pest control at the Waste Treatment plant at a cost of \$300.00 per year. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

City Clerk Jim Kiefer informed the City Council that the Mower County League of Cities meeting will be held in LeRoy, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve Resolution #06-2014, a resolution of support for Freeborn-Mower Cooperative Services purchase of Interstate Power and Light Company's service territory, customers, and property which includes areas around the City and its residents. Votes in favor: Anderson, Hinz, and Kurtz. Votes against: None Motion carried.

Jim Kiefer reported that he received a payment of \$336.00 dollars from Dorothy Bergene. The payment is one third of the cost of the tile line that was installed along the alley between Water Street and Bergen Street.

Discussion was held on the 2015 budget and proposed tax levy. The city clerk presented the proposed 2015 General Fund and Debt Service Fund budget totaling \$748,181.00, and a tax levy of \$320,490.00. Jim Kiefer explained that a large part of the increase in the tax levy was do to a levy of \$45,900.00 to fund the Medical Facilities Debt Service fund. Discussion was held on employee salaries for 2015. Mark Anderson made a motion to adjust the proposed salaries of the city clerk, deputy clerk, police chief, and wastewater superintendent from the proposed 2% increase to 50 cents per hour increase, all other employees would stay at the 2% increase. There was no second to the motion. Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Hinz, to approve the 2015 budget (with a 2% salary increase for all employees) as presented. Votes in favor: Swanson, Hinz, and Kurtz. Votes against: Anderson Motion carried.

Motion made by Hinz, seconded by Kurtz, to approve resolution #04-2014, a resolution adopting the proposed 2015 City budget of \$748,181.00, an increase of 6.28 %, and setting December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as the date of the truth-in-taxation hearing. The hearing will be held in City Hall at 7:00 pm. Votes in favor: Swanson, Hinz, and Kurtz. Votes against: Anderson Motion carried.

Motion made by Kurtz, seconded by Hinz, to approve resolution #05-2014, a resolution adopting proposed tax levy for 2015. Proposed levy will be \$320,490.00, an increase of 16.72%. Votes in favor: Swanson, Kurtz, and Hinz. Votes against: Anderson Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.

Jim Kiefer

Clerk/ Treasurer