

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Doug Schmitz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Doug Schmitz and Council Members Fran Ramler, Jan Dingmann and Bob Thelen. Absent: Dave Stadther. Others present: Paul Hetland, Brian Lintgen, Paul Hoeschen, Chip Robinson, Kurt Johnson, Ron LaFond, Heidi Stalboerger, Joe Voegeli and Angie Mueller.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY DINGMANN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – September 24, 2014

MOTION WAS MADE BY DINGMANN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

APPROVE DECERTIFICATION OF GRAINERY PROJECT TIF DISTRICT – RESOLUTION 2014-17

MOTION WAS MADE BY THELEN, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPROVE DECERTIFICATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NUMBER 5-3 – GAINERY PROJECT, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2014, FOR TAXES PAYABLE IN 2015. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

AMENDING COUNCIL MEMBER PAY – ORDINANCE NO. 331

Hetland explained that although Council passed a resolution in 2013 to change the council pay to a stipend amount, an ordinance is also needed to make the change effective January 1, 2015. He stated that the monthly averages calculated out to be odd amounts of money, with the Mayor salary at \$436.81 and Council at \$296.18. He stated that the Council could adopt it as it is, or staff had recommended rounding the numbers off for simplicity and efficiency. Mayor Schmitz suggested rounding the amounts down to \$435 and \$295, since the Council asks staff to budget conservatively, he felt the Council should do the same.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY THELEN, TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 331, AMENDING THE PAY FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, FURTHERMORE, THAT THE MONTHLY SALARY FOR THE MAYOR SHALL BE \$450 AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SHALL BE \$300. MOTION PASSED 3-1. SCHMITZ OPPOSED.

CALL FOR ASSESSMENT HEARING ON CSAH 50 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – RESOLUTION 2014-18

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY THELEN, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2014-18, A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE “CSAH 50 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT”. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Request Salt Purchase

Hoeschen stated that there is \$8,040 left in the budget for purchasing road salt. He stated that they would like to purchase a full load of salt which will cost approximately \$8,000.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THELEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT FROM HOLICKY BROS. FOR APPROXIMATELY \$8,000. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Approve Comprehensive Water Supply Plan

Hoeschen explained that he had spoken with both the circuit writer at Rural Water Association and the City of Hastings, which have both recommended obtaining a Water Supply Plan. Hetland explained that although no money had been budgeted for this expense there is money in the retained earnings in the water fund which would cover the expense.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THELEN, SECONDED BY SCHMITZ, TO APPROVE STANTEC TO COMPLETE THE COMPREHENSIVE WATER SUPPLY PLAN AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$35,500. MOTION FAILED 2-2. SCHMITZ AND THELEN VOTING IN FAVOR, DINGMANN AND RAMLER VOTING IN OPPOSITION.

C. Light Pole on Main Street

Hoeschen stated that a light pole near the former 1st National Bank on Main Street had been sheared off in a vehicle accident. He stated that the pole may not be replaced right away since it is unknown what style of light poles will be put up in the downtown project in 2016.

CITY ENGINEERING REPORT

A. Comprehensive Water Supply Plan Consideration

Councilor Dingmann stated that she does see the value in having a water supply plan but she would like to see a more detailed plan on the financial plan for paying for it. Ramler agreed and stated he had a few questions he would speak with Hoeschen about on it.

B. CSAH 50

Lintgen stated he is preparing the final figures for the assessment hearing that will take place at the November 10th meeting. He added that some services are getting televised yet, otherwise the project is complete.

C. 2nd Avenue South

Lintgen reported the City Attorney and BNSF are continuing to work on the purchase agreement for the property. He stated that they will be requesting the Rocori Trail Construction Board to allow a temporary crossing over the trail for the temporary road this winter.

D. Other

Lintgen reported that Geoff Martin will be present at the next meeting, to present his latest concepts for downtown planning to the Planning Commission and Council. He stated that the storm water grant discussed at the previous meetings has been submitted.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. Explanation of Proposed 2015 Levy

Hetland stated he wanted to make a point of clarification in the information presented on the levy for 2015. He stated that at the Council meeting it was stated that the tax rate is increasing by 6.84%, which represents a percentage point increase in the tax rate. He stated that a resident had pointed out that the St. Cloud Times had reported that the taxes are going up 18% which is also correct. Hetland stated that the impact on the residential valuations remains unchanged as it was presented showing an 18% increase.

B. Other

Hetland reported on the meetings that he attended in the last two weeks.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$274,946.98 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$63,227.29 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO ADJOURN AT 7:28 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Doug Schmitz, Mayor

Paul Hetland, City Administrator