

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 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, Dave Stadther and Bob Thelen. Others present: Paul Hetland, Paul Hoeschen, Brian Lintgen, Stephanie Dickrell, Tyson Euerle, Preston Euerle, Craig Kritzeck, Bonnie Juergens, Paul Juergens, Ron Blum, Linda Blum, Manda Blum, Brenda Gould, David Gould, Jason Blum, Chris Boucher, Christi Hoffman and Angie Mueller.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY DINGMANN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JULY 8, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

PRESENTATION OF LIFE SAVING AWARD TO SGT. JASON BLUM

Chief Chris Boucher explained that Sgt. Blum would be receiving a Life Saving Award for his actions on May 14, 2014 at a medical emergency. The award was presented to Sgt. Blum by David Gould, whom was the person that Sgt. Blum was able to save.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – June 25, 2014 & June 30, 2014

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 25, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE JUNE 30, 2014 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Appointment of Election Judges

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPOINT ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE AUGUST 12, 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION AND THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION, NAMELY: KRIS DOCKENDORF, LOIS LIESER, JOANN THELEN, CHERYL KUBIAK, MARY KIESS, ROBERT KUBIAK, ANITA NEU, JOHN MAUS, AND DON AUSTRENG; FURTHERMORE, TO APPOINT KRIS DOCKENDORF, LOIS LIESER, AND ANITA NEU AS HEAD ELECTION JUDGES. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

SALE OF BONDS- RUSTY FIFIELD – RESOLUTION 2014-12

Rusty Fifield from Northland Securities explained no one purchased the bonds from the bond sale earlier in the day. He stated that he believed it to be a direct result of the bond rating decreasing two steps from an A1 rating to A3. He stated that the liquidity lost in the General Fund and inter-fund loans contributed to the rating decrease. He stated that that the City can rebuild their bond rating. In the meantime, he stated that the plan is to begin a negotiated sale, by approaching the two local banks in town to see if they would be interested in purchasing the bonds. Councilor Thelen inquired if the interfund loan debt could be refinanced using the bonds. Fifield explained that he didn't believe that was possible but that he would check with Bond Council and if it was possible he would bring this matter back before the Council.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THELEN, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2014-12, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2014B. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

BASEBALL COMMISSION

Tom Ficker was present to update the Council on the Baseball Park Improvement project. He explained that the final bids have been obtained and the total cost has come to \$97,500. He stated that they hope to start the improvements in September and that it should be completed in six to eight weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Valve Leak at Red River Ave and Main St

Hoeschen stated that there is a leaking valve that will be replaced with a section of pipe at the corner by Wengers Hardware. He stated they plan to repair it soon, that it will interrupt water service for customers in that area, and will need to be coordinated so that it gets paved over immediately after it is repaired.

B. 3rd Ave North and 3rd St North

Hoeschen stated that a cross drain has been installed at this location by Public Works staff.

C. Equalization Tank Liner Project

Hoeschen stated that staff is nearing completion of the water balance test in the north tank and that it looks like the tank will pass the test.

D. Response Letter to the DNR

Hoeschen explained that a response letter to the DNR has been drafted by Brent Neisinger from Cold Spring Brewing Company and himself.

E. Skateboard Park

Hoeschen reported that no problems have risen from allowing bicycles in the skateboard park.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

A. CSAH 50 Improvement Project

Lintgen explained that the water and sewer portions of the project are now complete. He stated they are finishing up on the storm sewers and that the next step in the project will be the roadway. The Council requested to be added to the project update email list.

B. 2nd Avenue South Easement

Lintgen stated that there hasn't been any communication received from Burlington Northern Santa Fe about the requested easement. He stated he would get an update from the City Attorney as to when the 90 day time period starts for the quick take process.

C. 11th Street Northeast

Lintgen explained that Dan Steil and himself had met with the developer several weeks ago to discuss the Feasibility Report for 11th Street Northeast. He stated he has not heard from the developer since then but that Dan Steil would be following up with the developer.

D. Goldn' Plump Expansion

Lintgen stated that he is reviewing the site plan for the Goldn' Plump expansion.

PROPOSAL FOR FACILITY PLANNING

Preston Euerle and Tyson Euerle from RA Morton Construction Managers introduced their firm and presented a proposal for facility planning at City Hall, including space needs for the Administration, Police, EDA, Library and Fire departments. Preston Euerle described the steps that would be taken in the proposal including meeting with department heads, conducting community listening sessions, conducting task force meetings to establish options, establish budgets for options, confirm spaces with department heads and prepare a final presentation. Hetland stated that the downtown development committee will be conducting surveys and that there may be a crossover of information in the surveys that could be used utilized for this project too.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY DINGMANN, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$278,484.20 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$45,487.77 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 4-0. RAMLER ABSTAINED.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY THELEN, TO ADJOURN AT 7:32 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Doug Schmitz, Mayor

Paul Hetland, City Administrator