

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2009 at 7:00 pm.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

John Grutsch Mayor, Hugh Knox, Jim Stang, Kurt Marthaler, Margie Evens – Councilors  
Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator

Absent: None

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grutsch and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**OPEN FORUM**

**CenterPoint Energy presentation of \$2,000 check for a grant for Fire Equipment**

Mr. Dean Headlee presented a check for \$2,000 to the Avon Fire Department for the purchase of tanker truck equipment. The city council graciously accepted the grant dollars and thanked CenterPoint Energy for their commitment to the betterment of our community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Minutes of May 4<sup>th</sup>
2. Planning Commission Minutes of May 19<sup>th</sup>
3. Parks Board Minutes of May 20<sup>th</sup>
4. Avon Fire Department Minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup> and May 18<sup>th</sup>
5. Claims Register and Monthly Expenditures/Revenues, Cash Flow
6. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports
7. Approve CUP for PJ's
8. Receive Kathy Schulzetenberg's FMLA notice
9. Approve Gambling Permit for St. Benedict's Church Festival July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Mayor Grutsch noted concerns about the way the "Other Business" section of the May 19<sup>th</sup> council minutes were presented. Hugh Knox suggested that the last two sentences in that section be deleted and the following be added: "The City Clerk/Administrator and Chief of Police disputed the charge, however staff was directed to pay the full amount as the council did not feel that they had an option but to pay the full amount."

***Motion Hugh Knox to approve Consent Agenda***

***Second Kurt Marthaler***

***Passed Unanimously***

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**Request Conditional Approval of FD Hiring**

Colin Lobitz presented the council with information. Six applicants were interviewed. Four are being considered for hire. The Fire Department will review the final candidates and will vote on their recommendation. Council will give final consideration at the July meeting.

***Motion John Grutsch to fill the four positions on a temporary basis with final consideration to be made at the July Council meeting.***

***Second Hugh Knox***

*Passed Unanimously*

## **ISSUES BY STAFF**

**Ray Schmidt:** Written Report

### Request approval for generator repairs

Kurt Marthaler will provide Ray Schmidt with some contact information for someone who might be able to help fix the generator.

### Request approval of expenditure for mapping

Ray Schmidt explained the need for citywide water and sewer mapping. Mayor Grutsch expressed concern for the potential loss of LGA funding. Mr. Schmidt indicated that he is willing to wait and see how the LGA scenario plays out. He will bring this back to the council at a later date once LGA has been determined.

### Request approval of Beach Project for 2010/2011/2012

The parks board has consulted with both Stearns County and the DNR regarding making improvements to the city beach area. The parks board feels confident that they will be able to raise money via donations for the entire cost of the improvements. The parks board is planning for a three-year project. Year one (2010) will include removal and replacement of the retaining wall. Year two (2011) would include beautification of the beach area, plantings, etc... Year three (2012) might include possible improvements to the parking area.

***Motion Hugh Knox to approve the Parks Board proposal for the beach improvements and approval for the Parks Board to move forward to raise the funding necessary for the project.***

***Second Jim Stang***

***Passed Unanimously***

**Corey Nellis:** Written Report

**People Service:** Written Report

Joel Birr explained that the dialer failed, thus when lift station #2 went out, the alarm did not activate, causing a sewer backup. Mr. Birr suggested the council consider the purchase of a new dialer and a spare module at some point in the future.

Staff was directed to send a registered letter to People Service indicating that if we do not receive any correspondence from them by Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> their non-contact will be considered a breach of contract and their contract services will end as of June 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **ISSUES BY COUNCIL**

### Sale of lakeshore Outlot in Waters Edge

Jodi Austing-Traut will follow up and gather documents to attempt to determine how Noble was able to sell the shoreland outlot.

Spunktacular Days Insurance

Ms. Austing-Traut will check with the Chamber regarding their insurance coverage for Spunktacular Days.

Parkland Dedication

Mayor Grutsch questioned the possibility of designating certain property within the city as parkland.

Parking in Alley

Chief Nellis will notify affected property owners that blocking alleyways is not allowed. If alleyways are blocked, the city council will consider making this a no parking zone.

Recycling

Mayor Grutsch would like to have Bueckers offer and promote one container recycling vs. making homeowners separate their various types of recycling.

EDA Intern

*Motion John Grutsch to interview Patrick Brama for an EDA Internship with the Avon EDA/ACIC*

*Second Hugh Knox*

*Passed Unanimously*

Senior Housing Facility

A market study is needed to determine the specific need.

*Motion Hugh Knox to table this issue until the workshop on Thursday*

*Second Margie Evens*

*Passed Unanimously*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion Hugh Knox to adjourn at 8:41 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk/Administrator