

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 6th day of July 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

Dave from Central MN Federal Credit Union

Mayor Grutsch thanked CMFCU for their generous donation of water to the staff and volunteers over this past weekend's events.

Dave was here to request that the city cost-share with CMFCU to tar the alley behind their proposed site on Avon Avenue. The alley runs from Schmidty's Texaco to Joann Dirkes property. The estimated cost is around \$19,000. Ray Schmidt voiced his concern about current budget restraints and expressed that this may not be the most appropriate time to spend public dollars on an alley project. Mr. Schmidt suggested instead, that the city do some minimal work on storm water drainage in that area instead. Mayor Grutsch agreed with Ray that there is currently not money in the budget to do this type of project. Council and staff agreed that storm water drainage should be addressed.

Al Ernst

We can freely use Garrison Keillor's quote that "Avon is as close to Lake Wobegon as you can get". Mrs. Austing-Traut will get Al Ernst the contact information for A Prairie Home Companion.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of May 4th, June 1st, June 4th
2. Planning Commission Minutes of June 16th
3. Joint Planning Board Minutes of June 8th
4. Avon Community Improvement Committee (ACIC) Minutes June 8th
5. Claims Register and Monthly Expenditures/Revenues, Cash Flow
6. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports
7. Approve CUP for Central MN Federal Credit Union to construct a drive-up window and off-street parking
8. Set ACIC Meetings for 2nd Tuesday of Month – officially noting the likelihood of council quorum being present
9. Ratify Resolution Authorizing Execution of Safe & Sober Agreement (C.R.A.S.H. Task Force)
10. Approve hiring of 4 Firefighters: Kyle Smith, Brad Lemm, Josh Richard, Chuck Swenson
11. Ratify approval of Lions Liquor License for Garrison Keillor Event

*Motion Hugh Knox
Second Kurt Marthaler
Passed Unanimously*

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Waters Edge Updates

Jodi Austing-Traut explained that Mike LaFleur had concerns for several years about truck and ATV traffic on the shore land area. Eventually Noble's offered to sell the property to LaFleurs. Mr. LaFleur purchased the property with the intent of keeping its integrity as a natural shore land zone. The city's understanding was that Noble's was planning to maintain ownership of that shore land area and eventually develop a community dock and/or walking path there. The city believes that most, or all of the property owners in Water's Edge Development were also given this same information by Nobles prior to purchasing their lots. Mr. LaFleur has offered to meet with the city to negotiate an easement type of situation to possibly allow the placement of a dock/walking trail. There will also need to be future discussions about who would pay for these improvements.

Beach Updates

*Motion Jim Stang to approve the Parks Board's recommendation for beach improvements dated July 1st 2009.
Second Margie Evens
Passed Unanimously*

ISSUES BY STAFF

Ray Schmidt: Written Report

Corey Nellis: Written Report

People Service: Written Report. Joel Birr was also looking for action on the spare module and the dialer, which were suggested at the last meeting. Mayor Grutsch stated that Joel should bring this back to the council after September 1st. Joel stated that there have been several large items showing up in lift station #3. Recently a five-foot bath towel was found wrapped around the pump. This type of thing is becoming very expensive for the city to continually replace and fix lift station parts and equipment.

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Hugh presented the posters that the ACIC has put together for the re-visioning session coming up on August 13th. Hugh also suggested that someone from CapX 2020 be present at the next council meeting. Margie asked why the council was not more involved in the Garrison Keillor event. She felt that she did not have the detailed information she needed. Mayor Grutsch stated that the council was more than welcome to come forward and participate.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Hugh Knox to adjourn at 7:51 pm.

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