

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 11th of July, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

John Grutsch - Mayor, Jim Stang, Kurt Marthaler, Margie Evens, Hugh Knox - Councilors

Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator

Absent: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

Kati Reiling stated that she knows someone interested in purchasing the old pier. Ray Schmidt

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of June 6th, 2011
2. Claims Register
3. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports
4. Resolution Consenting to and Approving the Assignment of the Cable Franchise and System to Midcontinent Communications (from US Cable)

Motion Stang to approve consent agenda

Second Marthaler

Passed Unanimously

OTHER MINUTES:

Avon Planning Commission Minutes of June 21st

Avon Fire Department Minutes of May 23rd

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Bob and Shirley Byland were present to request permission to hold an outdoor event for July 15 & 16 at their home.

Motion Evens to allow Bylands to host an outdoor event at their residence on July 15 & 16

Second Stang

Passed Unanimously

Avon Estates

- Resolution to defer special assessments on all properties in Avon Estates

Motion Knox to adopt a resolution to defer special assessments on all properties in Avon Estates

Second Stang

Passed Unanimously

- Approve TIF Application and General Guidelines for future TIF Applications for District 1-4 (Avon Estates)

Motion Knox to approve 2010/2011 - Phase I Avon Estates TIF Eligibility Determination Application

Second Stang

Passed Unanimously

Mayor Grutsch questioned Bryan Remer, City Engineer, about the street in Avon Estates. Mr. Remer indicated that the two bumps are storm sewer lines running under the road.

Council discussed general upkeep of Avon Estates including mowing, weed control, outbuildings, stumps/boulders etc...

ISSUES BY STAFF

Public Works: Written Report

Granite Memorial is available in Ochotto Park. People can make donations at various levels to get a bronze plaque placed on the memorial.

The Lions have voted to install a new basketball court in Stratford Park contingent upon city approval.

Motion Knox to authorize development of a basketball court in Stratford Addition, contingent upon approval by Avon Parks Board and payment by Avon Lions Club.

Second Evens

Passed Unanimously

Public Restrooms near Avon Beach: There have been complaints about the bathrooms being closed at the Avon Beach. The beach is currently closed. There are many people using the restrooms at Fishers Club. The bathrooms are used by walkers and bikers along the Wobegon Trail. Council consensus to open the bathrooms at the beach.

Water Shut Off is required at 701 Windsor Way but the property owner had poured the driveway over the shut off valve. Public Works Dept was authorized by the council to take care of it and attempt to get payment from the current property owner or attorney. If payment is not received council authorized staff to certify to taxes.

Police: Written Report

Chief Nellis request for overtime pay. Twenty-six extra hours were worked in a pay period. Chief is requesting some compensation, however, does not expect to be paid overtime for the full 26 hours.

Motion Knox to pay Chief Nellis 13 hours paid at straight time

Second Stang

Passed Unanimously

Problem Rental Properties

Council consensus to have the PD track the number of calls and nature of the calls. Property owner will be notified that if the issues are not dealt with, citations will be issued. If citations are not paid they will be certified to taxes.

Police Garage for Sale

Parties interested in purchasing the police garage located at 112 Avon Avenue will be asked to make a proposal to the council including what they intend to do with the property as well as their offer to purchase the property.

Water/Wastewater: Written Report

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Street Projects – discussion of need for street improvements in Stratford Addition. Mayor Grutsch mentioned that although the city did not assess Chinook or First Street because those streets are utilized by much of the public, the streets within Stratford Addition are mainly used by residents in Stratford so the council will consider assessing for at least a portion of the project. Ray Schmidt will report back to the council.

FD Contracts – Collegeville Township did not pay the amount the city had billed. Staff is working with Collegeville to track the differences and determine how to proceed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut
City Clerk/Administrator