

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

John Grutsch - Mayor, Jim Stang, Kurt Marthaler, Hugh Knox and Margie Evens - Councilors  
Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator  
Absent: None

**PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM** – The Council recognized three Albany High School that were in attendance for a class requirement.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Minutes of September 13, 2010
2. Paid Check Register
3. Legal & Engineering Fees - Detailed Reports
4. Authorize David Drown Associates to complete Municipal Bond Continuing Disclosure services
5. Set meeting for Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am to canvass election results
6. Resolution Authorizing Avon Parks Board to Request Funding from Stearns County for Beach Improvements

***MOTION Margie Evens to approve consent agenda***

***SECOND Kurt Marthaler***

***PASSED Unanimously***

**OTHER MINUTES:**

Planning Commission 09/21/2010

Fire Department August 2010

Mark Klein - request Bow Hunt Permit

Kleins and Sauers have been hunting the former Mitchell property for four years and have requested permission to continue. Percheron has given permission for Kleins and Sauers to bow hunt this portion of land.

***MOTION Hugh Knox to authorize Deer Archery Hunting at Avon Estates with permission from Percheron Properties and to impose a \$10 administrative fee for permitting***

***SECOND Jim Stang***

***PASSED Unanimously***

Avon Area Lakes Assn. – Stratford Addition Rain Garden Project

Denis McGuinness and Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) engineer Stan Hanson of Bonestroo were present. SWCD and Avon Area Lakes Association received a grant of \$150,000 to install infiltration features such as rain gardens, native buffers, and shore land restoration to improve storm water management as well as lake quality. These features will be designed to promote proper storm water drainage, which will help mitigate the pooling of water on the streets. There will be a meeting held on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Avon City Hall to discuss this grant and residents opportunity to participate in this project.

Council consensus was that the city is still on board to offer the \$1,000 contribution to this project.

City agreed to act as fiscal agent for the project.

Jim Stang will act as council liaison to this project.

**CAPX2020**

Mayor Grutsch gave a synopsis of the meetings he and Jodi Austing-Traut had attended. There is a push on the part of some constituents to move the high voltage lines back to the I-94 corridor. If the line goes underground it will cost \$20 million per mile, if it goes overhead it will cost \$2 million. Mayor Grutsch stated that if the project is built along I-94 in Avon, they would either have to go around them or go under them. They will not place lines in DOT right of way. The city has gone on the record in opposition to the placement of the lines along the I-94 corridor in Avon. Written

comments must be received by David Birkholz at the Office of Energy Security, 85 7th Place East, Suite 500, Saint. Paul, MN 55101-2198 by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Residents are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to get their written comments placed in the record that the law judge will review. The judge will make a decision which will be presented to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The PUC will make the final decision as to placement of the lines; however, history indicates that the PUC will likely take the advice of the law judge.

#### ISSUES BY STAFF

**Public Works:** Written Report

**a) Approval of purchase of salt sand \$2,135**

*MOTION Jim Stang to approve purchase of salt sand*

*SECOND Kurt Marthaler*

*PASSED Unanimously*

**b) Receive quotes & approve building shed project \$22,214**

*MOTION Hugh Knox to award quote for \$22,214 contingent upon the company being bonded and insured and contingent upon receipt of insurance check*

*SECOND Kurt Marthaler*

*PASSED Unanimously*

**c) Approval of new dump truck box \$6,995**

*MOTION Hugh Knox to approve purchase of dump truck box package for \$6,995*

*SECOND Margie Evens*

*PASSED Unanimously*

**Police:** Written Report

*MOTION Hugh Knox to authorize staff to obtain an appraisal on the main street property currently being used as a police garage*

*SECOND Jim Stang*

*PASSED Unanimously*

**Water/Wastewater:** Written Report

#### ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Hugh Knox :

Rental Properties, Health and Safety Issues

Update on Strong Towns Curbside Chat

Mayor Grutsch :

Avon Estates Update – council consensus to authorize Mayor and City Clerk/Administrator to continue negotiations with the bank in attempt to obtain a number of lots in Avon Estates so they can be sold.

Fire Board Contract Advisory Committee – Mayor Grutsch suggested that a committee be formed made up of non-elected officials, to discuss fire service contract issues and bring ideas back to the entities for discussion.

#### ADJOURNMENT

*Motion Margie Evens to adjourn at 8:58 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Austing-Traut

City Clerk/Administrator

