

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 7th day of November, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

John Grutsch - Mayor, Kurt Marthaler, Margie Evens - Councilors

Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator

Absent: Jim Stang, Hugh Knox

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM**

Ervin Bueckers – City Sanitation. Ervin was present to introduce his staff and have an open discussion about their performance. The city has not received any complaints about performance. Ervin indicated that recycling has increased by about 3x since moving to commingled recycling. Ed Dunn asked if on windy days it would be ok to place a brick on top of the container. Ervin stated that it is fine to place a brick or rock on the container, however it will be dumped into the trash as well. Bueckers receives approximately 8 tons of recycling per week between Avon and Albany.

Millie Walsh – Linneman Lake. Millie Walsh gave the council some historical information about some concerns the residents who live on Linneman Lake have about the lakes levels. She has been working with Stearns County Highway Dept and MN DOT to determine if a culvert is the problem. Historically the lake level has been 1123. Currently there is about 18’ of mud where there used to be lake. Millie will keep the council informed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Minutes of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011
2. Claims Register
3. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports

*Motion Kurt Marthaler to approve consent agenda as written*

*Second Margie Evens*

*Passed Unanimously*

**OTHER MINUTES:**

Planning Commission Minutes of October

Fire Department Minutes of September

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**Avon Estates:**

**Consider Preliminary Plat for Serenity at Avon/Serenity Homes Inc.**

Sam Deleo of Kramer Leas & Deleo presented the preliminary plat for Serenity at Avon.

*Motion Margie Evense to approve preliminary plat with changes presented by Sam Deleo*

*Second Kurt Marthaler*

*Passed Unanimously*

**Water Lines Construction**

The ordinance currently states that the line from the main to the house must be copper. Change the ordinance to indicate that copper or plastic that is specified for water mains (the proper specification will be inserted into the ordinance wording).

*Motion Kurt Marthaler to revise Section 52.30 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the use of plastic (as specified) for the water service connection to the home.*

*Second Margie Evens*

*Passed Unanimously*

**Administration:**

**Request approval of change to personnel policy**

Council requested copies of full personnel policy to review for a month. A workshop will then be scheduled for review and discussion.

*Motion Kurt Marthaler to table the personnel policy change until the council has had a chance to review the full policy and meet to discuss*

*Second Margie Evens*

*Passed Unanimously*

**ISSUES BY STAFF**

**Public Works:** Written Report

**Police:** Written Report and request consideration of:

**Ordinance establishing regulations for false alarm billing**

*Motion Mayor John Grutsch to adopt the Ordinance Establishing Regulations for Billing for False Alarms and setting the fee at \$100 per false alarm after three false alarms.*

*Second Kurt Marthaler*

*Passed Unanimously*

**Water/Wastewater:** Written Report

**Mayor Grutsch explained the loss of Market Value Homestead Credits.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion Kurt Marthaler to adjourn at 8:19 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk/Administrators