

**Minutes
Avon City Council
June 6, 2016**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Hugh Knox – Mayor; Julie Jarnot, Jeff Manthe, Jeff Meyer, Jesse Springer – Councilors;
Corey Nellis – Police Chief; Jon Forsell – Utilities Superintendent; Casey Jansky – Public Works Supervisor
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

Denis McGuinness was present representing the Avon Area Lakes Association. The AALA is requesting up to \$1,000 from the City of Avon to survey Middle and Lower Spunk Lakes for the presence of aquatic invasive species and to determine how effective past treatment measures have proven. The total cost out survey the two lakes would be \$2,000. Avon Township has awarded AALA \$1,000 to use toward this purpose as well. The AALA has already received grant funding to survey Upper Spunk and Ochotto Lakes in addition to dollars received to treat any aquatic invasive species that might be located.

Motion Jeff Meyer to authorize payment of up to \$1,000 to Avon Area Lakes Association to use toward surveying Middle and Lower Spunk Lakes for aquatic invasive species and to request a report of findings from AALA second Julie Jarnot and carried unanimously.

Denis McGuinness also mentioned that there is a family memorial fund that has been set up to benefit the Avon Area Lakes Association. Mr. McGuinness requested that the council might consider at some point, a memorial rain garden as an option to utilize these funds. Mayor Knox requested Mr. McGuinness provide a formal request in writing.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of May 2, 2016
2. Council Minutes of May 12, 2016
3. Council Minutes of May 27, 2016
4. Planning Commission Minutes of May 17, 2016
5. Paid Check Register, Capital Expenditures May 2016
6. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
7. Approve Payment to Derus Government Consulting, LLC
8. Authorize Correction to Gathering Grounds Promissory Note
9. Approve Resolution 2016-21 Approving the Request for a Variance for Pflipsen (42.26320.0000)
10. Approve Easement Modification Agreement Springer 615 Chinook Ave SW
11. Approve Resolution 2016-22 Appointing Primary and General Election Judges 2016

Motion Jeff Manthe to approve consent agenda as presented, second Jeff Meyer and carried unanimously with Councilor Jesse Springer abstaining.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

BUDGET DISCUSSION – TIF/JOBZ EXPIRATION AFFECT ON TAX RATE

Two JobZ and one TIF district are set to expire. This will put approximately \$200,000 in taxes back on the tax rolls in 2017. If the council does not raise the levy, the tax rate in Avon would drop from .86 to approximately .64. Mayor Knox reported that were the council to increase the levy by approximately \$100,000 the tax rate would still drop from .84 to approximately .75 and the city would be able to meet financial needs more adequately. Councilor Meyer indicated a need to address the disparity in water/wastewater revenues and expenses as well as capital

needs. Council consensus that budgetary goals are to reduce the tax rate while focusing additional revenues on water/wastewater department needs and street repairs.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Administration – Jodi Austing-Traut presented the following items for the council’s consideration:

Civil Site Plan Ordinance Update

Councilor Meyer updated council on the process of amending the civil site plan section of the city’s zoning ordinance. Mr. Meyer is concerned that the current ordinance being proposed is too ominous and difficult to administer. Mr. Meyer would like to see a committee of Planning Commission, staff, and council representation to continue to work through the process of drafting an amendment.

In the meantime, city engineer must provide flow rate data to developers so they are able to take accurate information to their engineers to develop adequate site plans to provide for two, ten, and one hundred year 24-hour rain events.

Shady’s of Avon Proposal

Issues still needing to be addressed include SAC/WAC, civil site plan, and TIF plan. Jodi Austing-Traut will look into rolling SAC/WAC into TIF as well as whether a full civil site plan is needed considering the lots is already 100% impervious. Council is interested in seeing the project move forward. Staff will work with Shady’s partners to continue advancing toward a workable plan.

Lake Wobegon Bandshell/Amphitheater Permit Process

Bandshell will be free for use for the first year. Council may consider charging a fee for “for profit” events in the future. Events expecting less than 50 in attendance will require a rental release and release of liability form as well as an Amphitheater Event Permit that may be approved by staff. Events anticipating more than 50 in attendance will require council approval.

Zoning R-3 Storage Buildings

Planning Commission was authorized by council to continue working on amending the ordinance to address storage buildings as a conditional use in R-3 zones.

Public Works – Public Works Director Casey Jansky presented a written report.

Engineer - Randy Jenniges of S.E.H. had nothing new to report and was not present.

Police - Chief Corey Nellis provided a written report to council.

Water/Wastewater Supervisor Jon Forsell provided a written report and recommended payment of two invoices.

Motion Jeff Manthe to approve payment of \$2,456 to Lange Trenching for water main repairs in Stratford Addn., second Julie Jarnot and carried unanimously.

Motion Jeff Manthe to approve purchase of a new Flygt pump for lift station #3 on Chinook Avenue for \$9,146 second Jesse Springer and carried unanimously.

Jon Forsell also advised council that he will be looking at getting a new computer for the wastewater treatment plant.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jesse Springer, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm; Second by Councilor Manthe and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut City Clerk/Administrator