

**Minutes
Avon City Council
July 26, 2016**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Hugh Knox – Mayor; Julie Jarnot, Jeff Manthe, Jeff Meyer, Jesse Springer – Councilors;
Clerk/Administrator Jodi Austing-Traut

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

UPDATE ON CITY FACILITIES PLANS

Public Works Supervisor Casey Jansky presented rough cost estimates for improvements to the maintenance shop including finishing off the cold storage area, adding a lean-to, and an apron. A section of the maintenance shop is stick built while another section is pole shed. This creates challenges in making sure the integrity of the structure is maintained as improvements are made.

UPDATE ON THE MARINA OF AVON

Paul Tomsche was present to introduce himself and his plans to bring The Marina of Avon to Avon. Mr. Tomsche is looking for a building to rent in Avon to establish his business here. His need is immediate. Council reviewed zoning regulations with Mr. Tomsche and discussed several options.

SERENITY OF AVON – COMMON SPACE OWNERSHIP AND REPLATTING LOTS 12& 13

Sam Deleo of Kramer Lais Deleo was present to discuss Serenity at Avon. Sam was brought on board to replat Lots 12 and 13 of Serenity as they were both purchased by Tom Cress to build a single home crossing over the lots. Sam has noted a problem with the way the deeds have been filed. The city currently has no control of the homeowners association, but is holding the rights to the open space in the development. The intent was that each property owner would hold 1/12th (formerly 1/13th) of the open space in Serenity. Sam suggested changing the declarations to reflect the replattings that have occurred (Lots 12 & 13 as well as the assisted living facility), correct the deeds, and consider replatting the entire area. Council may also want to consider talking with Backes's to reconfigure some of the existing lots to make them more saleable.

AVON ESTATES

Matt Indieke, Real Estate Agent at Avon Estates has asked if the council would be willing to open a few more lots in Avon Estates. Council is not interested at this time.

NOISE BARRIER

The City was awarded a \$1.3 Million grant from MN Dot to construct a noise barrier along I-94. Clerk/Administrator Austing-Traut will bring more information to the council meeting on Monday evening (8/1/16).

CURB STOP AVON ESTATES

Jon Forsell, Water Wastewater Supervisor stated that Kotzer Excavating went to connect Ben Grutsch's water and sewer service on his new home/lot in Avon Estates and found both connections were damaged. The main problem was that they had to dewater because the damaged water shut off valve had been leaking underground. Ben Grutsch forwarded the city his bill (\$2332.00) from Kotzer for the day they spent fixing his connections. Becker Septic's bill was also presented for \$150.00 for dewatering. Mr. Forsell is waiting on Tri-County Septic's bill for jetting the sewer service that was filled with sand. The sewer stub was most likely damaged when back filled during original construction. This is the second sewer stub that has been found broken in Avon Estates.

Motion Jesse Springer to authorize payment of these invoices, second Jeff Manthe and carried unanimously.

MAINTENANCE SHOP IMPROVEMENTS

Further discussion on making improvements to the maintenance shop.

ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING

Councilor Meyer requested council support to work with staff to develop an RFP process to obtain quotes for all surveying and engineering work to be conducted for the City. There was discussion about the need for continuity in services as well as cost savings. Jodi Austing-Traut will send out an RFP for engineering services to be due early September.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilor Jesse Springer to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 AM; Second by Councilor Jeff Meyer .

Respectfully Submitted Jodi Austing-Traut City Clerk/Administrator