

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 3rd of January, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

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

Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator

Absent: Hugh Knox

**Oaths of office were taken by John Grutsch, Mayor and Kurt Marthaler, Councilor.**

**PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM**

Chief Nellis presented a certificate of appreciation to Rick and Lois Fischbach for their assistance in solving a crime in Avon recently.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Council Minutes of December 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2010
2. Claims Register
3. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports
4. Set Council Meeting Dates for 2011 (July 11<sup>th</sup> – due to 4<sup>th</sup> falling on Monday and September 12<sup>th</sup> – due to Labor Day)
5. Approval of Larson Allen Audit Engagement Letter authorizing audit work for 2010 in the amount of \$27,450
6. Approval to Submit Pay Equity Implementation Report for 2010

*Motion Kurt to approve consent agenda*

*Second Jim Stang*

*Carried unanimously*

**OTHER MINUTES:**

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PC

**Ken Kofoed**, Insurance Renewals

Property/liability premiums should be decreasing a bit for 2011. Mr. Kofoed explained the tort liability limits.

*Motion Kurt Marthaler to keep the tort liability limit in place*

*Second Jim Stang*

*Passed unanimously*

**Stan Hanson** – Bonestroo

Update of Stratford Addn. Rain Garden Project: Approximately 30 property owners are interested in participating. Several of which have agreed to more than one rain garden for their property. There are about 38 rain gardens on the preliminary plan. This will include over 1200 native plants being added to the Stratford Addition. Plans should be finalized this week and sent to Stearns County SWCD for approval. The goal for project award date is March 2011 and the goal for construction is June 2011.

Consider Ordinance Setting Forth Operations and Maintenance of Official Rain Gardens

*Motion Jim Stang to approve an Ordinance Setting Forth Operations and Maintenance of Official Rain Gardens within the City of Avon*

*Second Kurt Marthaler*

*Passed Unanimously*

**Rini Auto Sales**

Request extension on removal of canvass building at 306 Blattner Dr. (see PC minutes of Dec. 21, 2010).

***Motion John Grutsch to authorize Rini Cars to keep their temporary shelter up until spring. It is agreed that Rini will move the cars and the small orange shelter from behind the building as soon as possible.***

***Second Kurt Marthaler***

***Passed Unanimously***

## **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

**2011 Annual Appointments (attached as appointed)**

**Appointment of Fire Department Officers**

*FD Recommendations:*

- *Chief – Eric Linn*
- *Assistant Chief – Joel Richter*
- *Secretary – Russ Panek*
- *Treasurer – Gary Schmitz*
- *Training Captain – Colin Lobitz*
- *Truck Captain – Ben Grutsch*
- *Medical Captain – Kevin Korneck*

***Motion Margie Evens to approve appointments as presented***

***Second Kurt Marthaler***

***Passed Unanimously***

## **ISSUES BY STAFF**

**Public Works:** Written Report

**Police:** Written Report

There have been a number of issues with parking on streets during snowstorms. Currently citations for parking on the street during snow events are \$30. Council will consider raising the fee.

**Water/Wastewater:** Written Report

## **ISSUES BY COUNCIL**

### **CAPX2020**

City will be sending a letter to Administrative Law Judge Beverly Jones Heydinger expressing our position against placement of the high voltage power line along I-94 in Avon.

### **Consider Agreement with Kramer Lais Deleo**

Mayor has been working with Sam Deleo to work out a deal to clear the lien from the Avon Estates property.

***Motion Jim Stang approve entry into an agreement to buy Deleo's lien position, subject to approval by the City Attorney and subject to completion of the purchase of the Avon Estates property.***

***Second Kurt Marthaler***

***Passed Unanimously***

## **ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion Margie Evens to adjourn at 8:10 pm.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jodi Austing-Traut  
City Clerk/Administrator