

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

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

John Grutsch - Mayor, Jim Stang, Kurt Marthaler, and Margie Evens – Councilors
Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator
Absent: Hugh Knox

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

Denis McGuinness requested city council assistance of \$1,000 for a matching grant to plan for rain gardens in the community. The total matching grant is \$5,000. The Lakes Association has already raised \$4,000.

Ken Kofoed Insurance Renewals

The city received a \$6,500 dividend check from the League of MN Cities. Overall insurance rates should be down by around -1% to -2%.

Motion Jim Stang to keep the policy the same as last year and not waive the statutory tort limits

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of December 7th 2009
2. Claims Register and Monthly Expenditures/Revenues, Cash Flow
3. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports
4. Set Council Meeting Dates (July 12th – due to the 4th of July and September 13th – due to Labor Day)
5. Avon Area Chamber of Commerce Gambling Permit for Spunk Days Raffle

Motion Margie Evens to approve consent agenda as presented

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously

OTHER MINUTES:

AFD Minutes 10/26/09 and 11/30/09 and 12/28/09 acknowledged by city council.

ENGINEERING REPORT Randy Jenniges, S.E.H. - Street CIP Discussion

Mr. Jenniges presented a copy of the Street 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan that the council adopted on September 26th 2007. He made note of the projects that have been completed since 2007, namely the 1st Street and Chinook Avenue Reconstruction Project as well as several priority seal coating projects. Reconstruction of Stratford Street was originally planned for 2009, but due to fiscal constraints, this project has been pushed back. Crack sealing is scheduled for 2010. Budgetary considerations will determine if crack sealing will be accomplished in 2010 or pushed back. The council is not currently interested in bonding for street project work.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

2010 Annual Appointments

Council consensus that appointments for 2009 will remain in place through the next council meeting scheduled for February 1st. The council will make appointments for the remainder of 2010 at their February meeting.

Appointment of Fire Department Officers

FD Recommendation:

Eric Linn Chief

Chris Pflueger Ass. Chief

Gary Schmitz Treasurer

Russ Panek secretary

Joel Richter EMS and safety captain

Colin Lobitz training captain

Ben Grutsch truck captain

Motion Kurt Marthaler to appoint Fire Department Officers as presented

Second Jim Stang

Passed Unanimously

Update on Avon Estates, Nodland, Waters Edge III

Mayor Grutsch gave project updates.

Avon Estates: The city is working on an agreement to obtain 10 lots from the owner of Avon Estates in order to sell them for a small amount above the assessments. This agreement should be worked out by the end of the month.

Nodland: The city is being sued by Nodland for \$500,000 in securities that Nodland provided for security for the Avon Estates Project.

Waters Edge III: Developer, bank, and former land owner have gone to court. Judge has 90 days to rule. Once we know who has control of the land, it is our hope that it can be marketed.

January Workshop set for January 25th at 6:00 pm.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Public Works: Written Report and overtime pay request for plowing 12/24 through 12/27. Ray Schmidt 34.5 hours and Nate Brenner 28 hours. Jodi Austing-Traut explained that the city is required to offer compensatory time or overtime pay for these hours.

Motion Kurt Marthaler to pay Ray Schmidt for 34.5 hours of overtime and to pay Nate Brenner for 28 hours of overtime

Second Marge Evens

Passed Unanimously

Police: Written Report. Chief Nellis explained that changes are needed in the snowmobiling ordinance. The PD is working on official routing of snowmobiles through the city.

Water/Wastewater: Written Report.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Margie Evens to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Second Jim Stang.

Respectfully Submitted by, Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk/Administrator