

**Minutes
Avon City Council
February 6, 2017**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

John Grutsch – Mayor, Jeff Meyer, Jim Stang, Julie Jarnot, Kurt Marthaler – Councilors;
Corey Nellis – Police Chief; Jon Forsell – Utilities Superintendent; Casey Jansky – Public Works Supervisor
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator
Absent: None

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Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

Jay Johnson was present from Avon State Bank/American Heritage Bank to introduce himself and share a bit about their background and banking philosophy.

Former Mayor Hugh Knox addressed the issue of the city providing snowplowing for active military families. Mr. Knox suggested that neighbors consider providing these types of services to fill the needs of many members of our community including widows and widowers.

Mike Lieberg was present from the Stearns County Attorney's Office, in Janel Kendall's absence, to update the council on criminal prosecution contract activity. Mr. Lieberg presented a written report.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of January 9th, 2017
2. Planning Commission Minutes of January 17, 2017
3. Paid Check Register, Capital Expenditures
4. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees (None)
5. WSB Contract
6. Resolution 2017-03 Receiving Donation
7. Fire Department Wage Increases

Motion Kurt Marthaler to approve consent agenda second Julie Jarnot and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

DRAFT Storm Water Ordinance

City Clerk/Administrator Jodi Austing-Traut presented a draft storm water ordinance for council consideration. Chris Sonmor, City Engineer – WSB, discussed the details of the parameters being proposed within the draft. Public Hearing will be held at the next regular council meeting.

Remaining Appointments

Tim Burg and Jim Sand will be appointed to the Economic Development Authority.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Administration No further report

Zoning No further report

Engineer

Avon Estates Soil Borings Chris Sonmor of WSB stated that soil borings have been completed. Sonmor presented the final soil borings and a report including three different options for soil correction at the entrances of Avon Estates. Mayor

Grutsch would like to see the city wait until further development occurs and possibly add it as a tag-a-long to another future project. He suggested that the existing asphalt be removed and add more stabilizing soil.

Public Works Casey Jansky presented a written report and requested council consider the purchase of LED bulbs for main street. Jansky also requested consideration for the purchase of a new plow truck. The City of Becker us upgrading and has offered to sell their 2001 Sterling with 74,000 miles on it for approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000.

Motion Kurt Marthaler to authorize purchase of LED light bulbs at \$8,700 second Julie Jarnot and carried unanimously.

Motion Kurt Marthaler to authorize staff to negotiate the purchase of a plow truck as discussed from the City of Becker, second Jim Stang and carried unanimously.

Police Chief Corey Nellis presented a written report. Chief updated the council on the FTO status of Officer Landon Gudim. Chief is hoping that by the second week of March Officer Gudim will be off FTO.

Water/Wastewater Jon Forsell provided a written report and requested that the council consider authorizing purchase of UV Bulbs for \$2,320 for the wastewater treatment plant. Forsell also requested that the council authorize the purchase of water meters for \$2,000. Council was updated about a well head protection plan meeting that was held today. Staff will be applying for grants as needed and applicable.

Motion Julie Jarnot to authorize purchase of UV bulbs for wastewater treatment plant \$2,320 and authorize purchase of water meters \$2,000 second Kurt Marthaler and carried unanimously.

Other Issues by Council

Motion John Grutsch to change the start time of city council meetings to 6:30 pm instead of 7:00 pm second Jim Stang and carried unanimously.

Councilor Julie Jarnot informed the council that a sex trafficking presentation will be held on April 17th at 6:00 pm at the Avon Community Church. Officer Jason Thompson, lead investigator for the Waite Park Police Department, will be making a presentation to the community regarding this very real and relevant issue that is present even in our own community. The public is invited to attend in order to increase awareness.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jim Stang to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm; Second by Councilor Kurt Marthaler and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut City Clerk/Administrator