

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

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

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

Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator

Absent: None

Oath of office was taken by Hugh Knox, Councilor.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

Brent Vollmers – Concern about alley speeds. Request for signage to slow down for children. More enforcement needed.

Agenda Changes and Additions

Motion to approve agenda changes Jim Stang

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of January 3, 2011
2. Claims Register
3. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports
4. Approve Gambling Permits for St. Benedicts Church April 3rd and July 10th 2011
5. Approve AALA Request to have City of Avon act as fiscal host for the Initiative Fund Grant (\$5,000) for Rain Gardens
6. Authorize David Drown & Associates to begin work on a new TIF District and Amendments for Avon Estates
7. Approve Gambling Permit for Avon Chamber of Commerce Spunk Days Raffle June 19, 2011
8. Appoint Ed Dunn to Planning Commission

Motion to approve consent agenda Jim Stang

Second Margie Evens

Passed Unanimously

OTHER MINUTES:

None

ACIC – Hugh Knox updated the City Council on the status of the committee that is researching the development of a community center.

Stan Hanson, Bonestroo – Stratford Rain Gardens Project

The council reviewed the plans and specs for the Rain Garden Project (Water Based Infiltration for Middle Spunk Lake) as well as the advertisement for bids. Because the estimated project cost is expected to fall between \$50,000 and \$100,000 the city is required to advertise for bids. Construction is expected to take place between June 1st and July 1st. It should take just a couple of weeks.

Motion Margie Evens to approve a Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bid

Second Jim Stang

Passed Unanimously

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Avon Estates Update ~ Staff request to authorize payment of assessments, penalties and interest due on Avon Estates according to the City Attorney's preference as indicated in the memo dated February 7th, 2011.

Motion John Grutsch to authorize staff to make the payment of delinquent taxes and delinquent special assessments (up to approximately \$515,000) in order to facilitate the recording of the deeds. The record shall note that the City is NOT waiving its right to use Nodland's money to pay special assessments, but is instead choosing to use its own money in order to expedite the recording of the deeds – all CONTINGENT upon City Attorney's final approval.

Second Margie Evens

Passed Unanimously

Update on Adium/Dean Mielke Expansion Project

Adium is planning for an expansion project. According to Traci Ryan of David Drown Associates, because Adium has an existing TIF plan on this parcel, the expansion project would simply generate more increment, 90% of which Adium will automatically get back without entering into another agreement and generating additional legal/consulting fees. No formal action is needed.

US Cable – Franchise Fees

US Cable has notified the city that according to the current formula we can expect a decrease in our receipts of annual franchise fees. Council would like a future update on this issue.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Public Works: Written Report

Motion Hugh Knox to authorize repair of Ray's truck

Second Jim Stang

Passed Unanimously

Police: Written Report

Water/Wastewater: Written Report

Check valve in Lift Station #5 needs repairs.

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Mayor Grutsch updated the council on his discussion with Tom Schneider, City Administrator in Albany, regarding the MPCA mandates that are becoming an issue in Albany. Mayor Grutsch stated that with some upgrades, the Avon WWTP would very likely be able to handle Albany's wastewater needs.

City needs to develop a plan to market Avon Estates. Current signs need to come down. New signs up indicating that city owns lots and contact information.

Motion Hugh Knox to hold a joint meeting with City Council and Planning Commission on Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm

Second Margie Evens

Passed Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Margie Evens to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut
City Clerk/Administrator

