

**Minutes
Avon City Council
May 1, 2017**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor John Grutsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 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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CHRIS KNOPIK, CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN- AUDIT PRESENTATION

The audit report and financial statements were reviewed. Financial statements and notes are available for viewing at city hall.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of April 3rd, 2017
2. Planning Commission Minutes of April 18th, 2017
3. Joint Planning Board Minutes of April 10th, 2017
4. Parks Board Minutes of April 12th 2017 and Approval of 2017 Projects
5. Paid Check Register, Manual Claims, Capital Expenditures
6. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
7. Resolution 2017-10 Authorizing Document Signers for Real Estate Transaction
8. Resolution 2017-11 Forgiving a Revolving Loan Note Receivable
9. Resolution 2017-12 Receiving a Donation for Noise Barrier Wall
10. Liquor License Renewals
11. WSB Invoice
12. Resolution 2017-13 Accepting a Donation from Jon and Cindy Forsell
13. Resolution 2017-14 Approving Application for Gambling License for Avon Area Lakes Association

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Chad Martini, Director of Land Management Stearns County – County Ditch 25

County Ditch #25 was originally established in 1905 with the purpose of lowering Kepper Lake and to facilitate surface water management to drain farmlands. Stearns County staff is currently working with DNR to develop a repair plan that addresses DNR concerns. Chad Martini will be presenting data and corrective options to the County Board. Options include #1 cleaning the trees and brush out, option #2 excavating and cleaning out just the worst areas of the ditch, or option #3 excavating and cleaning out the entire ditch. Chad explained that this entire region is saturated and that while the ditch cleaning would result in faster rain event recovery, it is important to have realistic expectations about the actual impact. The system was designed for 1905 and will not likely handle 2017 surface waters the way property owners might hope. Councilor Meyer presented a map of the city's storm water system along with state statute that would indicate that there are a number of considerations the ditch authority must make prior to doing any ditch construction. Meyer also presented photos of the existing ditch conditions and an example of what the ditch should look like.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Administration - Avon Estates Real Estate Listing City Clerk/Administrator Jodi Austing-Traut explained that the contract with Matt Imdieke has ended as of April 30, 2017. Avon Police Officer and Real Estate Agent Brendan Mooney is

interested in listing the properties as well. Council prefers that buyers work with city staff as much as possible from inquiry through closing. Consensus is not to enter into an exclusive listing contract with Central MN Realty at this time.

Public Works - Written Report and Requests for Approval

Public Works Director Casey Jansky requested council direction on how to proceed with generator. Council directed staff to get some prices and further information.

Police - Written Report

Chief Nellis presented his written report and updated the council on the semi-parking issue.

Water/Wastewater - Written Report and Requests for Approval of Hawkins Invoice

Water/Wastewater Director Jon Forsell requested approval for a tank mixer rebuild at \$3200 and \$1840 for annual inspection/maintenance on generators. Forsell also requested approval for a \$1738.60 Hawkins invoice for chemicals and biobugs.

Motion Julie Jarnot to approve expenditures as presented payment to Hawkins, second Jeff Meyer and carried unanimously.

Strategic Planning Meetings set for Monday May 8th and Wednesday May 10th from 6pm to 8pm.

Jon Habben suggested that the city implement a user fee to utilize the city's public access for boats.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Kurt Marthaler to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm; Second by Councilor Jarnot and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut City Clerk/Administrator