

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, an Avon City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 7th day of May, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

John Grutsch - Mayor, Jim Stang, Kurt Marthaler, Margie Evens, Hugh Knox – Councilors
Jim Thares - City Clerk/Administrator
Jodi Austing-Traut, Acting Clerk/Administrator
Absent: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Audit Presentation by Tom Koop – CliftonLarsonAllen

Audited financial statements will be available in the City Clerk/Administrator's office by the end of the week.

Local Board of Appeals and Equalization – Gary Grossinger and Kelly Lemke

Values have continued to decline. One written appeal has been filed with Kelly Lemke. The property under appeal is Thomas and Jill Joseph 408 Sundown Drive. This property has been listed for sale for a considerable amount of time. The county studied this property and decreased the property value from \$303,600 to \$279,400. This was acceptable to the Joseph's.

Motion Jim Stang to adjust the value of 408 Sundown Drive from \$303,600 to \$279,400

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously

Avon Estates tax exemption

Gary Grossinger from the Stearns County Assessor's office was present to explain that when a tax-exempt property is used for private purposes the property becomes taxable. Currently the county is claiming that a portion of Avon Estates is being farmed and intends to tax the farmer that is using the property.

Motion Hugh Knox to recess board of adjustments

Second Margie Evens

Recessed at 6:51

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of April 2 and April 16, 2012
2. Claims Register
3. Capital Expenditures, Legal Fees, Engineering Fees Detailed Reports
4. Change July Council Meeting from July 2nd to July 9th
5. Approve list of Parks Board Projects for 2012
6. Approve Gambling License for St. Benedict's Church for July 15 bingo, raffle, pull-tabs
7. Approve Liquor Licenses for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013
8. Approve Chamber of Commerce Gambling License for Raffle to be held July 22

Motion Jim Stang to adopt consent agenda

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously

Motion Hugh Knox to close board of appeals

Second Jim Stang

Closed at 7:00 pm

Commercial Sprinkling Systems and Summer Sewer Averaging

Will be discussed at staff meeting.

OTHER MINUTES:

PC Minutes of April 24, 2012

Joint Planning Board Minutes of April 9, 2012

Recess Council Meeting

City Council meeting recessed at 7:26

Open EDA Meeting

EDA meeting opened at 7:26

Consider changes to Revolving Loan Policies

Motion Kurt Marthaler to adopt Revolving Loan Policies

Second Margie Evens

Passed Unanimously

Consider RLF application for Joseph's

Discussion about the need to clean up the property and specify the exterior improvements that will need to be made in order to receive approval for the Revolving Loan funds.

Motion Bill Skay to approve Joseph's RLF application and deferred loan contingent upon Joseph's representatives with the EDA loan committee and determining a worklist and timeline for the completion of worklist items including but limited to clean up and exterior improvements

Second Hugh Knox

Passed Unanimously

Close EDA Meeting

EDA Meeting closed by motion of Margie Evens at 7:45

Reconvene Council Meeting

Council Meeting reconvened at 7:45

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Consider EDA Recommendations

Consider changes to Revolving Loan Policies

Motion Hugh Knox to adopt Revolving Loan Policies

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously

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Motion Hugh Knox to approve Joseph's RLF application and deferred loan contingent upon Joseph's representatives with the EDA loan committee and determining a worklist and timeline for the completion of worklist items including but limited to clean up and exterior improvements

Second Margie

Passed Unanimously

Street Reconstruction

Rosalie Lane will be included in the project. All three property owners in that area signed the petition as well. Parking at Stratford Beach will likely be included in the project as well. Engineer needs to do a survey to ensure that it is in the right of way.

Resolution Declaring Adequacy of Petition and Ordering Final Preparation of Report (Stratford Addn)

Motion Hugh Knox

Second Jim Stang

Passed Unanimously

Resolution Receiving Report and Calling Hearing on Improvement on June 4th (Stratford Addn)

Motion Hugh Knox

Second Margie Evens

Passed Unanimously

Resolution Calling for Public Hearing on 5-Year Street Reconstruction Plan on June 4th (Stratford Street E&W)

Motion Kurt Marthaler

Second Jim Stang

Passed Unanimously

Order Plans and Specs and Authorize Agreement for Professional Service – S.E.H. (Stratford Addn & Stratford St. E & W)

Motion Jim Stang

Second Hugh Knox

Passed Unanimously

Appointment to Planning Commission

Consider letter of interest by Eric Larson. Consider application by Mary Sieben.

Mary Sieben was appointed to the Planning Commission by Mayor Grutsch.

Avon Estates

Serenity will be considering hiring a realtor to market the lots in Serenity at Avon. The Backes' would also like authority to market a few lots in Avon Estates outside of Serenity at Avon. Mayor Grutsch will ask the Backes' to bring in a proposal.

Mailboxes are up.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Public Works: Written Report

Beach area should be seeded and sprinkler system installed within two weeks. The goal is to have the beach open by mid June.

Police: Written Report

Water/Wastewater: Written Report

No parking zone at beach near the crosswalk is currently about 120'. Jodi Teich, Stearns County Engineer intends to propose a 42' no parking zone.

Peddlers License/Transient Merchant License Ordinance presented by Chief Nellis. Request to reinstate the city's former Ordinance Number 152.

Motion Hugh Knox to reinstate Ordinance Number 152 with a \$100 fee for a 21 day license
Second Kurt Marthaler
Passed Unanimously

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Request by Daly properties to purchase land in Avon Estates for a reduced price, reduced SAC/WAC and with TIF in order to construct 4-plex units. This type of proposal would not cash flow in Avon Estates. The council denied this request.

Mayor Grutsch updated the council on the 5th Monday Meeting held last week with the Albany School Board. Albany received \$400K for technology grants.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Kurt Marthaler to adjourn at 8:20 pm

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