

**Minutes
Avon City Council
August 7, 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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO RICK FISCHBACH AND ED DUNN

Mayor Grutsch presented awards for their years of service on the City of Avon Planning Commission.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING TIF-1-6 and Consider TIF for Midsota Mfg

Joel Bauer explained that sandblast, paint, and finish operations will be moved to the new proposed building. Manufacturing/welding will occur at the existing main facility. This will result in less traffic on Blattner Drive. A minimum of 5 new jobs will be created. David Drown of David Drown Associates was present to explain the way Pay-As-You-Go TIF works and the benefit of this project to the City of Avon. This will be an economic development district which will last only nine years. The TIF Plan is considered an “enabling document” it gives the city the opportunity to use TIF, but it does not obligate the city to do any particular project. City’s action therefore is twofold 1) to create the TIF District and TIF plan and 2) to authorize a TIF subsidy agreement with Midwest Enterprises (Midsota Manufacturing).

The business subsidy agreement provides for a maximum nine year TIF subsidy of up to \$250,000 in reimbursable expenses.

Motion Kurt Marthaler to close public hearing at 6:49 second Jim Stang.

Motion Kurt Marthaler to adopt Resolution 2017-22 Approving the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-6 Within Municipal Development District No. 1 and Adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan Relating Thereto second Jim Stang and carried unanimously.

Motion Jim Stang to adopt Resolution 2017-23 Approving Business Subsidy to Midwest Enterprises (Midsota Manufacturing) second Kurt Marthaler and carried unanimously.

Administration

2018 Preliminary Budget Update

Very preliminary budget points were presented by the City Clerk/Administrator. Discussion about dealing with the ongoing deficit in the sewer and water departments. Deficits are due to debt service requirements for wastewater treatment plant, wells, and Avon Estates infrastructure. Councilor Meyer presented information to compare area city tax rates and staffing levels.

Special workshop will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30 pm with Department Heads to discuss the budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of July 10, 2017
2. Planning Commission Minutes of July 18, 2017
3. Paid Check Register, Manual Claims, Capital Expenditures

4. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
5. Invoice WW Goetsch \$4,702.00 (check valves)
6. Invoice HD Supply \$1,510.96 (meters)
7. Initiative Foundation Grant Agreement \$1,000 - Strategic Plan
8. Easement Modification Agreement (Pflipsen – 398 Chinook Ave)
9. Resolution 2017-21 Modifying Fee Schedule for Septage Dumping
10. Relief Association SC-17 (with adjustments for Eric Linn's Retirement)
11. Avon Area Arts Outdoor Event Permit

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

COUNCIL BUSINESS

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOLLOW-UP

Jodi Austing-Traut updated the council on the strategic planning process. There is approximately \$1,000 left in grant funds for implementation. Austing-Traut suggested the council consider assigning a specific priority implementation project. Council will consider this at the September meeting and talk further about available funds for traffic control potentially on CSAH 9 and Blattner Drive.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Public Works

Written Report and Requests for Approval - Public Works Director Casey Jansky presented his report and updated the council on a storm water drainage issue on Char Avenue and Albacore Avenue near the Dave Gamble property. Jansky is looking into several options including a drywell, silt fence, rain garden or cutting out a portion of Char Avenue to allow free flow of the water across Char.

Casey also updated the council on the condition of the shelter structures at Wobegon Park. Jansky explained that the wood pillars have rotted and the structures are leaning to the north due to high winds.

Police - Written Report

Chief Nellis presented his written report and updated the council on a recent case. The accused party has pled guilty.

Water/Wastewater - Written Report

Water/Wastewater Director Jon Forsell presented his written report and updated the council on the lift station. Request approval for \$2,125 for Nelson Sanitation for lift station vac during repairs.

Motion Kurt Marthaler to approval \$2,125 for Nelson Sanitation second Julie Jarnot and carried unanimously.

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Councilor Jarnot passed on a complaint about weeds near the parking lot by Wobegon Park.

Mayor Grutsch stated that he and Jodi Austing-Traut had attended a Fifth Monday Meeting last week and the new school improvements are incredible.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Jim Stang to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm; Second by Councilor Julie Jarnot and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut City Clerk/Administrator