

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a City Council meeting was duly held at City Hall on the 6th of December, 2010 at 6:30 pm.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

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

Jodi Austing-Traut - Clerk/Administrator

Absent: Margie Evens

TRUTH IN TAXATION – Mayor Grutsch explained that the council had voted in September to raise the levy to \$745,000. Discussion about how to manage the budget in light of concerns about further cuts to Local Government Aid. Discussion about ensuring that the council is planning adequately for future needs. Consensus to keep the levy set at the preliminary level of \$745,000.

Motion Hugh Knox to close the Truth in Taxation hearing

Second Jim Stang

Motion passed unanimously – public hearing closed at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM – none present

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Minutes of November 1st and 10th, 2010
2. Paid Check Register
3. Legal & Engineering Fees - Detailed Reports
4. Approve amendment to Section 30.03 of Code of Ordinances “Terms of Parks Board Members”

Motion Kurt Marthaler

Second Jim Stang

Passed Unanimously

OTHER MINUTES: none

Ervin Bueckers – request to offer co-mingled recycling, using a single large container versus several smaller ones.

Council consensus to allow co-mingled recycling.

ISSUES BY STAFF

Public Works: Written Report.

The mayor stated that flags must be flown on Main Street on Veterans Day.

Police: Written Report. Chief Nellis requested a change to the fee schedule for fingerprinting.

Motion John Grutsch to charge \$15 per card for fingerprinting.

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously.

Chief Nellis indicated that Stearns County received grant dollars for 800 MHZ radios. They normally cost \$2,500 each. Avon PD won the lottery for two radios at \$425 each.

Chief Nellis updated the council on the status of the plans for a firing range. There are still details to be worked out in terms of storm water permitting as well as issues with the Army Corp of Engineers.

Water/Wastewater: Written Report

A new IS6 Intrinsically Safe Barrier will be installed in Lift station 2. This will lower the voltage that goes into the floats.

ISSUES BY COUNCIL

Discussion of recent CapX2020 public hearings in Albany and St. Joseph that were attended by the Mayor and Clerk/Administrator. Written comments are due by January 5th.

Close Meeting to negotiate purchase of property

Motion Hugh Knox to close meeting to negotiate purchase of property.

Second Jim Stang

Passed Unanimously – meeting closed at 7:48 pm for negotiation of purchase of property.

Regular Meeting reopened

Motion Hugh Knox to reopen the meeting at 8:12 pm

Second Kurt Marthaler

Passed Unanimously – meeting reopened at 8:12 pm.

Motion Jim Stang to proceed with purchase agreement.

Second Hugh Knox

Passed Unanimously

Clerk/Administrator presented upcoming changes to office staffing. Furlough will continue to be used through the end of summer. Actual schedule changes will be presented likely in August.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Kurt Marthaler to adjourn at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut
City Clerk/Administrator