

CITY OF ST. CLAIR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 02, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marvin More at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the St. Clair City Hall, 304 Main Street West, St. Clair, Minnesota. Council Members present: Mayor More, Jerry Phillips, Tom Karels, Sr. and Cindy Glamm. Council Members absent: Council Member Weinandt responded to a fire call and arrived at 7:30 p.m. City Staff present: Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer and Mark Krenik, Public Works Supervisor. Others present: Troy Braun (representing Immaculate Conception Church), Kevin Deling and Chris Freitag (representing St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church), Nancy Thompson (St. Clair School Board Liaison), Ralph Buesing and two (2) Deputy's from the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept.

After calling the meeting to order, Mayor More welcomed all visitors and guests and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS – The minutes of May 7, 2015 Regular Council Meeting and the May 7, 2015 Joint School Board/City Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Phillips, and carried with all in favor. The invoices, bills, and vendor's claims for the month of May 2015 were approved with a motion by Council Member Karels, seconded by Council Member Phillips and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following unfinished Business item was discussed:

1. PROPOSED GENERATOR FOR THE CITY WATER TREATMENT FACILITY (WTF) – Due to an Addendum by Bolton and Menk to the generator specs, the generator bids will be reviewed at the Regular July City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2015.
2. IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH CURB BOX (WATER SHUT-OFF) REPAIR BILL – Troy Braun (Church Trustee) was present to discuss the DMI bill for repair of the curb box at the Church. Mr. Braun presented an outline of the Church's view of the events relating to the curb box repair. Mayor More noted that the City is responsible for the water main only, the service line and curb box is the responsibility of the property owner. Council Member Karels noted that in other instances property owners have paid for curb box repair and he didn't feel it would be fair to those property owners if the City paid for this repair. Mr. Braun noted that the Church is willing to pay half of the bill. Council Member Karels stated that he is a member of the Church and in an effort to avoid setting any precedent by the City paying a portion of the bill; he would personally be willing to pay the other half of the bill. Mayor More and the Council as well as Mr. Braun thanked Mr. Karels for his generosity.
3. COMMUNITY SOLAR (APEX) – Clerk-Treasurer Seys has been in contact with St. Clair School Superintendent Tom Bruels and Apex representative Greg Ackerson regarding Community Solar options offered by Apex. A Joint School Board/City Council Meeting will be scheduled to further discuss Community Solar options.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

1. ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH – Kevin Deling and Chris Freitag were present representing St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church. Mr. Deling explained that the Church would like to blacktop their parking lot at 112 Front Street East. Finding the property pins or surveying of the property was also discussed. Public Works Supervisor Mark Krenik will attempt to locate the property pins for the parking lot property, but if the pins can't be located it would be the Church's responsibility and expense to hire a surveyor. Clerk-Treasurer Seys will contact City Engineer Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) regarding storm water drainage in the area, the possible need for curb/gutter and what the Church needs to do to get going on this project. Mr. Deling noted that the Church would like to complete the project this summer.
2. ALLOCATION OF CITY SIGN FUND – Council Member Weinandt suggested that since the City Council has decided not to pursue a City Sign; that the \$7,500 in the sign fund be allocated towards St. Clair Days (\$2,500) and towards developing a small park area on the City lot at 222 Main Street West (\$5,000). Motion by Council Member Weinandt, seconded by Council Member Glamm to allocate to \$2,500 towards St. Clair Days and \$5,000 toward developing a small park area at 222 Main Street West from the City Sign Fund (\$7,500). Motion carried with all in favor.

#### FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Fire Dept. was responding to a fire call and Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff was unable to attend the meeting.

#### PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Mark Krenik reported on the following:

1. Mr. Krenik noted that the (flat) roof of the Control Building at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is in need of repair/replacement. Mr. Krenik further noted that the roof is the original roof on the building (built in 1970). Mr. Krenik obtained three (3) estimates for the project with Mike Hanson Roofing being the lowest estimate at \$2,970. The estimate includes removal of the old roof, installation of 60 mil rubber and new flashing with a 15 year warranty. Motion by Council Member Karels, seconded by Council Member Glamm to accept the estimate from Mike Hanson Roofing for \$2,970 for replacement of the roof of the Control Building at the WWTP. Motion carried with all in favor.

#### CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. City employees attended a Safety Meeting in Eagle Lake on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Topics included AWAIR, Employee Right-to-Know, Globally Harmonized System for Hazard Communication, Safety Data Sheets, Personal Protective Equipment and Slips, Trips and Falls.
2. The annual Night to Unite was discussed. The statewide event will be held on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. The City Council will host the event at Memorial Park as they did in 2014. It was noted that the 2014 event was successful and very well attended.

#### CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Glamm attended the May 18<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting. Council Member Karels will attend the June 22<sup>nd</sup> School Board Meeting.
2. The Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks met on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Skyline; neither the Mayor nor the Clerk-Treasurer were able to attend. The next meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup> in Amboy.
3. Council Member Weinandt gave an update on plans for St. Clair Days (June 22 – 28).

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Weinandt, seconded by Council Member Glamm and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer