

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 05, 2016

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, Thomas Karels, Sr. and Cindy Glamm. Council Members absent: Jason Weinandt. City Staff present: Mark Krenik, Public Works Supervisor, Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Monte Eastvold (Northland Securities) and Jack May (School Board Liaison).

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND BILLS

The agenda was reviewed and approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Phillips and carried with all in favor.

The minutes of June 07, 2016 Regular Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Glamm and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of June 2016 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 items were discussed:

WATER TOWER EXTERIOR PAINT PROJECT – As discussed with Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) at the Regular June City Council Meeting, the red paint at the top of the tower is failing/fading and in need of re-painting. Mr. Domras contacted Tnemec, the manufacturer that provided the paint when the water tower was completed in 2009. Tnemec is willing to provide the paint (series 700 hydroflon, Old Glory Red) necessary to re-paint the red portion of the tower free of charge. A motion was made by Council Member Karels to accepted the proposal and approve the agreement from Spiegel Sand Blasting & Specialty Coatings to wash, surface prep, spot prime and finish coat the red portion of the tower and wash and touch up the gray portion of the tower for \$10,450.00. Motion seconded by Council Member Glamm and carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

POSSIBLE REFINANCE OF USDA-RD BOND – Monte Eastvold (Northland Securities) was present to discuss with the Council a possible refinancing opportunity regard to the 2010 USDA-Rural Development Bond for the Water Tower. Mr. Eastvold provided documents to the Council explaining and comparing the current debt service schedule and the proposed debt service schedule if the City were to refinance. Mr. Eastvold explained that by refinancing the City could have save (after Bond Counsel fees, etc.) \$144,000.00. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Phillips to proceed with the refinancing of the 2010 USDA-RD Bond. Motion carried with all in favor.

RIVERBANK EROSION AREA (ADJACENT TO THE 200 BLOCK OF MAIN STREET WEST) – Mayor More noted that small trees, shrub/brush etc. is growing in the area of the riverbank erosion project. It was noted that it's important to keep such growth out of that area to maintain the riverbank and avoid future erosion. Zumbro Valley Forestry has been used in the past, they will be contacted to spray the area before the trees, brush, etc. get to big and have to be manually removed. Taking care of the storm water drainage ditch on Co.Rd. 15 East was also discussed.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. The grass rig truck has been taken to Sioux Falls where the apparatus is being manufactured.
2. Decoria Township Fire Contract Payment – As reported at the Regular June City Council Meeting on June 7th, Decoria Township withheld \$1,000.00 from their Fire Contract payment to the City of St. Clair because of damage they believe was caused to 178th Lane (in Decoria Township) during a House Burn Fire Dept. Training on Saturday, March 5, 2016. As noted at the June City Council Meeting, South Central College was in charge of the training event and four (4) departments and several other agencies were involved and in attendance at the training, for a total of eight (8) fire trucks and emergency vehicles. The City Attorney was contacted (in May) and wrote a letter to the Decoria Township Board regarding this matter. It is the opinion of the Council that the road issue should be taken up with South Central Collage since they organized the training event. It is further the opinion of the Council that the road issue is completely separate from the Fire Contract and that Decoria Township is in violation of the Fire Contract by withholding the \$1,000.00. Due to the Independence Day Holiday, the Decoria Township Board meeting will be held on Monday, July 11th. It was the decision of the City Council to give Decoria Township until Friday, July 15th, if the City hasn't received the \$1,000.00 payment by that time the City Clerk will contact the City Attorney (Chris Kennedy) and have him contact Decoria Township again.
3. The Fire Department is planning a Recruitment Open House for prospective new members on Wednesday, July 13th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall.
4. A quote has been received from Johnson Hardware for repair/replacement for the Fire Dept. service door for \$2,037.00. It was noted that it is the original door from 1974. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Karels to approve repair/replacement of the Fire Dept. service door for \$2,037.00 by Johnson Hardware. Motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Mark Krenik reported on the following:

1. KLM will be scheduling and conducting the inspection of the interior of the water tower in the near future.
2. The park swing has arrived and will be installed on the City lot at 222 Main Street West.
3. Bleachers at Memorial Park have been ordered but have not been received/delivered yet.
4. Due to continued vandalism at Memorial Park, a camera system was discussed. Motion by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Karels to purchase a camera system (from Sam's Club), with a spending limit of \$500.00. Motion carried with all in favor.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. Clerk-Treasurer Seys presented Resolution #2016-05 'Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the August 09, 2016 Primary Election and the November 08, 2016 General Election, Designating the Polling Place and Setting of Polling Hours'. The resolution was approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Phillips and carried with all in favor.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Karels attended the June 20th School Board Meeting. Council Member Glamm will attend the July 25th School Board Meeting.
2. The City of Skyline hosted the Mayors and Clerks Meeting on June 9th. The speaker for the evening was the new Blue Earth County Engineer, Ryan Thilges. The next meeting will be hosted by the City of Madison Lake on September 8th.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Karels and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer