

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marvin More at 7:01 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: Council Member Weinandt was absent. City Staff present: Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor, Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Shawn Rueter, Nancy Thompson (St. Clair School Board Liaison) and Randy Thompson.

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 October 04, 2016 Regular Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Karels and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of October 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:

RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ORDINANCE (PROPOSED AMENDMENT) – Since Council Member Weinandt initiated discussion regarding an amendment to the Residential Rental Ordinance, the proposed amendment will be tabled and discussed at a later meeting when Council member Weinandt is in attendance.

SHAWN RUETER, BOY SCOUT TROOP #130 – Shawn Rueter was present to discuss his idea for an Eagle Scout project. Mr. Rueter has changed his previous plan which included a community garden and now proposes to enhance the City lot at 222 Main Street West, by constructing a concrete walkway to the existing red swing and doing some planting/landscaping on the lot. Council Member Karels and Phillips offered to work with Mr. Rueter on the project. Motion made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Karels to approve the project as presented by Mr. Rueter. Motion carried with all in favor.

2016 FLOOD UPDATE – Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker discussed the following flood related repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant:

1. Two (2) of the four (4) motors and blowers for the aeration basin and the aerobic digester have been installed.
2. The new Effluent Sampler has been delivered and an 8 X 10 shed to house the sampler has been purchased.
3. The transformers, one for the Digester Blower Building and the Aerobic Digester and one for the Control Building, will be installed in the near future.

4. Representatives from In Control have been working on installing IS Barriers and other electronic components in the Control Building this week.
5. A new generator and numerous other equipment/parts have been ordered for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, but in many cases delivery is 6 to 8 weeks out.

Mr. Baker also discussed that there are two (2) notable 'wash-out' areas behind the berm at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Council discussed that these areas need to be assessed and repair options outlined ASAP. Concrete bunker blocks or other options to sandbagging on the east and west end of the berm were also discussed and need to be further considered. Mayor More noted that, as of this past weekend, all sandbags are gone and the pallets are empty. Repairs at the Post Office were also discussed. Bill Fitzloff noted that the St. Clair Post Office should be back in operation by mid-November.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed

FEMA UPDATE – Clerk-Treasurer Seys noted that Blue Earth County has not received any official notice as to Federal Disaster Assistance.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. Work is progressing on the grass rig apparatus.
2. A City Ordinance or Policy with regard to 'permit to carry' and Firefighters responding to fire/medical calls was discussed. Clerk-Treasurer Seys will contact the City Attorney regarding the matter.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Dept. Supervisor Thad Baker reported on the following:

1. The Pavilion at Memorial Park has been winterized and closed for the season.
2. The Bulk Water Fill Station has been winterized and closed for the season.
3. It was discussed that coordinating a leaf pick-up with the City of Eagle Lake will be considered for next fall; with all of the flood repairs and other flood related work it wasn't feasible this year.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. The General Election is Tuesday, November 8th. Polls are open from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.
2. The City Council will convene as the Canvassing Board on Monday, November 14, 2016 at 6:30 pm to Canvass the Abstract of Votes Cast, Certify the Election Returns and Declare the Results of the Municipal Election.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Glamm attended the October 24th School Board Meeting. Council Member Karels will attend the November 21st School Board Meeting.
2. The Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks met in the City of Good Thunder October 13th. The speaker for the evening was from VINE and discussed the Tri-County Transportation Survey. Mayor More also presented information on the flood and the impact to the City and residents. The next meeting will be on November 10th with the City of Vernon Center hosting.

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 Phillips and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer