

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 01, 2017

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, Jason Weinandt, Cindy Glamm, Duke Arndt and Randy Thompson. Council Members absent: No Council Members were absent. City Staff present: Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor, Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer, and Troy Goettl, Assistant Fire Chief. Others present: Nancy Thompson (St. Clair School Board Liaison), Bill Fitzloff, Shawn Rueter and Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor More welcomed all visitors and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND BILLS

A motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Weinandt to approve the Agenda with the following additions Shawn Rueter to discuss Eagle Scout Project, Miller Lane drainage issue and mosquito spraying. Motion carried with all in favor.

The minutes of May 02, 2017 Regular Council Meeting was approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Thompson and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of May 2017 were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Weinandt and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

BERM REPAIR and FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT – Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) discussed the following Flood Mitigation items: the Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study (required by FEMA) has been completed and submitted to FEMA for their review and approval. A response is anticipated in 1 – 2 weeks. The next step in the project is to conduct soil borings/study. After review of the soil boring results plans will be completed and we'll be ready to move forward with the project.

With regard to berm certification Mr. Domras noted that after project completion and certification of the berm out of the floodplain, there are no additional inspections required. Mr. Domras further noted that City staff should review the berm annually and after storm and high water events, keeping good records and photos. Mr. Domras also discussed the hydraulic analysis of the river and the stream stat data, indicating that 3' above the stream stat is a good buffer for a 500 year flood event.

Mayor More noted that he has been in contact with Ryan Thilges (Blue Earth County Engineer) and Mr. Thilges has indicated that the County will work with the City with regard to options for lift station mitigation on Park Street North.

Mr. Domras noted that the goal is to have the berm repair and mitigation completed by September 1st. With regard to the use of steel or vinyl sheet piling, Mr. Domras stated that the results of the soil borings would determine which type of sheet piling will be used.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

ATHLETIC BACKERS RAFFLE – The Athletic Backers requested approval of the Charitable Gambling application to conduct the annual raffle during St. Clair Days. The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, June 25th. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Thompson to approve the request from the Athletic Backers for the annual St. Clair Days Raffle. Motion carried with all in favor.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS – Maryann Muedeking (20 Fitzloff Avenue) sent the City a note asking when the Army Corps of Engineers is going to come and dredge the river. Clerk-Treasurer Seys contacted the Army Corps of Engineers and received a response from the Public Affairs Specialist with the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, stating that he had discussed the LeSueur River in St. Clair with the Corps Project Managers that deal with flood plain management and small projects and they aren't able to dredge the LeSueur River. The Public Affairs Specialist stated that he would have the Floodplain Management Specialists contact the City directly to discuss any other possible options.

SHAWN RUETER, BOY SCOUT TROOP #130 – Shawn Rueter was again present to discuss his ideas for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Rueter had a drawing of the proposed project to enhance the City lot at 222 Main Street West. His plan included constructing a curving concrete walkway from Main Street West to the existing red swing and planting 16 bushes along the walkway. Mr. Rueter also discussed a picnic table for the area and a bird feeder. The Council discussed with Mr. Rueter that the cost of excavation and concrete for the walkway would likely be cost prohibitive. Spacing of the shrubs for mowing and maintenance was also discussed. Paring down the project to be more cost effective was discussed. Eliminating the concrete walkway, in favor of a concrete pad for the picnic table and eliminating the 16 shrubs, in favor of planting trees to shade the picnic table area and swing area were discussed. Mr. Rueter will revise his plan and bring the revisions to the next (July) Regular City Council Meeting.

REGULAR JULY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Due to the Independence Day holiday on Tuesday, July 4th, the Regular July City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 05, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

MILLER LANE – a low spot in Miller Lane between 501 and 503 was discussed. Storm water tends to pond in that low spot before it makes its way to the catch basin. The ponding is being compounded by sump pump drainage. The option of moving the sump pump hose to the side or rear yard was discussed.

MOSQUITO SPRAYING – Clerk-Treasurer Seys will check with area cities (Eagle Lake, Pemberton and Janesville) to see who they use for mosquito spraying.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief Troy Goettl reported on the following:

1. The Fire Dept. has responded to 55 calls so far in 2017.
2. Fire Trucks were in for annual maintenance. The 1991 needs exhaust work and the Rescue Squad needs a PTO seal.
3. First Responder Refresher for St. Clair Fire Dept. will be held at the Fire Hall in March of 2018 (Monday, March 19th, Wednesday, March 21st, Monday, March 26th and Wednesday, March 28th).
4. Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff is requesting a Leave of Absence from the Fire Dept. from April 9th through July 7th. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Weinandt to approve the Leave of Absence for Fire Chief Fitzloff. Motion carried with all in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

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

1. Street Sweeping has been completed.
2. Bargaen, Inc. did crack sealing on Front Street, Railroad Street, Winnebago Circle, Horseshoe Lane and Palmer Drive. They also did a protective clear coat on the walkway through Memorial Park.
3. Security cameras have been installed and are working well in Memorial Park.
4. Zumbro Valley Forestry was in to remove and spray the woody vegetation in the Riverbank Erosion Project area to the north of the 200 block of Main Street West.
5. The new bench swing for Memorial Park has been delivered and will be installed in the near future.
6. Public Works Supervisor Baker reported on the cost for a new (2-seat) swing. Swing costs range from \$735 to \$1,200, excavating cost estimate \$8,685, woodchip cost estimate \$1,241. The Council discussed that the costs (especially excavation) are much higher than anticipated. The Council asked Public Works Supervisor Baker to obtain additional excavation estimates.
7. Memorial Park restrooms were found in disgusting shape after a recent Community Ed activity. Clerk-Treasurer Seys contacted Community Ed Director Brad O'Donnell about the incident. It was noted that we have issues with the Memorial Park restrooms every summer. School Board Liaison Nancy Thompson stated that she'll discuss options with Mr. O'Donnell

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. A Detachment Petition has been prepared and will be discussed at the July City Council Meeting.
2. The St. Clair Days Committee is working hard on the 2017 celebration (June 22, 23, 24 and 25).

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Glamm will attend the May 22nd School Board meeting. Council Member Thompson will attend the June 26th School Board Meeting.
2. Mayor More attended the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks meeting in Madison Lake on May 11th, John Considine (Greater Mankato Growth) was the speaker for the evening, also discussed was the Blue Earth County daycare shortage and draft of the proposed County loan program dealing with daycares. The next meeting will be on June 8th with the City of Lake Crystal hosting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Weinandt and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer