

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marvin More at 7:07 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, Cindy Glamm, Duke Arndt, Randy Thompson and Dick Fitzloff. Council Members absent: No Members were absent. City Staff present: Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer and Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor. Others present: Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) and Connie Johns (School Board Liaison).

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 Thompson to approve the agenda with the addition of chicken complaints and inoperable, unlicensed vehicle complaints. Motion carried with all in favor.

The minutes of May 2019 Regular Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Fitzloff and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of May 2019 were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

PARK STREET NORTH LIFT STATION MITIGATION PROJECT UPDATE – Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) was present to discuss the Park Street North Lift Station Mitigation Project, the utility easement and the status of the lease agreement between Fitzloff Properties and the US Postal Service (USPS). U.S. Postal Service representatives have stated that they have no objections to the mitigation project, with the stipulation that access to the Post Office is available at all times during construction. Mr. Domras stated that continuous access to the Post Office is part of the contract with DMI. Mr. Domras noted that the U.S. Postal Service still has not made a determination regarding the lease agreement/lease payment between Fitzloff Properties and the US Postal Service.

A Pre-Construction meeting for the Park Street North Lift Station Mitigation Project has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 9:30 am at the St. Clair City Hall Meeting Room. The general contractor (DMI) has indicated that they expect to begin construction the week of July 8th.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

CHICKEN COMPLAINTS – While chickens are allowed within City limits, they should be kept in a coop or pen and not allowed to roam onto neighboring property. The Council directed Clerk-Treasurer Seys to send a letter to the chicken owner regarding the matter.

INOPERABLE, UNLICENSED VEHICLE COMPLAINT – The Council directed Clerk-Treasurer Seys to put an item in the next City Newsletter reminding residents of the Nuisance Ordinance regarding inoperable and unlicensed vehicles. Clerk-Treasurer Seys will also write letters to those in violation of the Ordinance.

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

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

1. As discussed at the Regular May City Council meeting, mail box clusters are being considered on the Mankato rural route area of Horseshoe Lane and Main Street West. Given the large amounts of snow this past winter, the mail box clusters would be a benefit to the Public Works Dept. and Blue Earth County in their snow plowing/snow removal efforts and to the Postal Service in mail delivery. The Council will continue to discuss and consider the mail box cluster option and make a determination before the next winter season.
2. Corey Wicks, 201 Park Street South, was present at the Regular May City Council meeting to discuss safety concerns regarding children using the path through Memorial Park and crossing from Memorial Park path onto Park Street South and then onto Front Street East. At that meeting, Mr. Wicks stated that he had observed a number of near-misses involving children walking/biking and vehicles and requested that the City add STOP signs, making the intersection a 3-way STOP. Clerk-Treasurer Seys discussed the request with Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. Liaison Officer, Deputy Jeff Wiborg and, after review, Deputy Wiborg stated that a 3-way STOP would be the best option for safety and controlling traffic in that area. The STOP signs will be installed in the near future.
3. Annual street sweeping has been completed.
4. Annual crack sealing has been completed by Bargain, Inc.
5. Spring water main/hydrant flushing has been completed, as well as, flushing of dead-end areas in the sanitary sewer system. Mr. Baker also noted that annual/semi-annual preventative maintenance in certain problem areas of the sanitary sewer system have been jetted by Jetter Clean.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. Troy Walsh, League of MN Cities Insurance Trust (Work Comp and property/liability insurance carrier for the City), conducted his annual visit on Thursday, May 30th. Mr. Walsh met with Clerk-Treasurer Seys, Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker and Public Works Employee Deb McCollum to discuss safety and liability updates.
2. Clerk-Treasurer Seys, Public Works Supervisor Thad Baker and Public Works Employee Deb McCollum attended the annual Safety Training on Tuesday, June 11th in Eagle Lake. Topics covered included: AWAIR, Employee Right-to-Know, Personal Protective Equipment, Blood Borne Pathogens, Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke, Fire Extinguisher Safety, Fuel Storage, Slips/Trips/Falls, Ladder Safety, Lock-Out/Tag-Out and Confined Space Permitting.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Glamm attended the May 20th School Board meeting. Council Member Thompson will attend the June 24th School Board meeting.
2. The May meeting of the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks was held in the City of Lake Crystal. The speaker for the evening was Kelly McBride, Director of the BEC Library. John Considine gave an update on Greater Mankato Growth. The next meeting will be held on June 13th in Vernon Center.

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Glamm seconded by Council Member Thompson and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer