

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 02, 2019

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, Cindy Glamm, Duke Arndt and Dick Fitzloff. Council Members absent: Randy Thompson. City Staff present: Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief, Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer and Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor Others present: Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) and Julie Spear.

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 Arndt to approve the agenda with the addition of Julie Spear to discuss Pickle Ball. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

The invoices and bills for the month of June 2019 were approved with a motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Fitzloff 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). A Pre-Construction meeting on the Park Street North Lift Station Mitigation Project was held on Tuesday, June 18th at 9:30 am at the St. Clair City Hall Meeting Room. The general contractor (DMI) expects to begin construction the week of July 8th. Mr. Domras noted that Fitzloff Properties has received an answer from the U.S. Postal Service regarding the change in the lease agreement between Fitzloff Properties and the USPS. Bill Fitzloff, representing Fitzloff Properties, was present with a proposal from Fitzloff Properties to sell the 390 sq. ft. of property needed for the mitigation project to the City of St. Clair. The proposal was for a total of \$10,260.00. Mr. Fitzloff provided the following breakdown to support the proposal amount: Land: 390 sq. ft. X \$10.00 per sq. ft. = \$3,900.00 (based on information provided by the Blue Earth County Assessor's Office); Loss of Income to Fitzloff Properties for the 390 sq. ft. as Reflected on the USPS Lease: \$53.00 per month X 12 months = \$636.00 per year X 10 years (term of the lease) = \$6,360.00. RE-CAP: land \$3,900.00 + loss in lease income over 10 years \$6,360.00 = \$10,260.00. The proposal also stated that the City would pay all attorney costs, Blue Earth County fees and any other costs pertaining to the sale of the land. After discussion a motion was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Fitzloff to accept the proposal as presented and purchase the 390 sq. ft. of property from Fitzloff Properties for a total of \$10,260.00 plus additional costs as stated in the proposal. Motion carried with all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

PICKLE BALL – Julie Spear was present with information and a preliminary inquiry to the Council as to the possibility of developing a Pickle Ball Court at Memorial Park. Ms. Spear presented basic information on Pickle Ball and discussed that Pickle Ball has developed a large following and a number of people from

St. Clair go to Tourtellotte Park in Mankato to play Pickle Ball. There are Pickle Ball leagues and a number of cities are developing Pickle Ball courts. Ms. Spear also noted that Pickle Ball can be played by all ages and is especially popular with those of retirement age. The Council briefly discussed Pickle Ball court size and where in Memorial Park a court could fit. The Council was also curious as to how much interest there would be for Pickle Ball in St. Clair.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. 273 steak meals were sold at the St. Clair Days Steak Fry.
2. The Fire Dept. has responded to 62 calls to date in 2019.
3. Two (2) firefighters have completed the 1001 training through South Central College.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

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

1. The STOP signs for Park Street South and Front Street East have been ordered and will be installed in the near future.
2. Owners of the Bell Tower have asked that the City add gravel to the area on the City lot at 305 Main Street East (adjacent to the Bell Tower) where a driveway previously existed. For background purposes, it was noted that prior to the City purchasing the property, there was a home on the lot and the driveway served as access to that home. The City purchased the lot in 2007, the home was demolished shortly thereafter and the water tower was constructed on the southwest portion of the lot. The City accesses the water tower from Park Street South (not Main Street East) and there are no other structures on the lot. Since the City hasn't used the driveway area as such in over 10 years, most of the gravel in the driveway area has been taken over by grass, is mowed along with the rest of the lot and is maintained as green space. It was the consensus of the Council to leave the driveway area as is; stating that it wouldn't serve any public purpose to gravel the area. Possible liability concerns regarding vehicles parking on the City lot were also briefly discussed.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. ELECTION UPDATE: There will be three (3) elections in 2020, the Presidential Nominating Primary on March 3rd, the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11th and the General Election on Tuesday, November 3rd.
2. The Schull property detachment from the City of St. Clair was discussed. Mr. Schull petitioned the City for detachment and all information, documentation and maps were submitted (over 6 months ago) to the State of Minnesota, Municipal Boundary Adjustments Board for review/approval. Since a portion of the Schull property is adjacent to the State Highway 83 road right-of-way, the information was also reviewed by the MN Dept. of Transportation (MN DOT). In doing their review MN DOT found two issues. The first issue was that MN DOT calculated the total detachment area to be 30.7 acres not 34.24 acres as indicated by the legal description and map information. The second issue was that the map submitted was incorrect with regard to the State Highway 83 road right-of-way. Since the City obtained the legal description of the property and the map information from Blue Earth County, the matter has been discussed at length with the Blue Earth County Mapping Dept. It was their recommendation that the City change the map and the detachment documents to reflect the number of acres and the State Highway 83 road right-of-way information to reflect the information provided by MN DOT. A motion was made by Council Member Glamm,

seconded by Council Member Fitzloff to follow the recommendation of the Blue Earth County Mapping Dept. and change the map and the detachment documents to reflect the number of acres and the State Highway 83 road right-of-way information to reflect the information provided by MN DOT. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. A St. Clair Days Committee wrap-up meeting was held on Monday, July 1st. This year's event was discussed as well as ideas for St. Clair Days 2020.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Thompson attended the June 17th School Board meeting. Council Member Glamm will attend the July 22nd School Board meeting.
2. The June meeting of the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks was held in the City of Vernon Center. The speaker for the evening was Brad Peterson, Director of the BEC Sheriff. Neither the Mayor nor the City Clerk were able to attend. The group doesn't meet during the months of July and August. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 12th.

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Glamm seconded by Council Member Arndt and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer