

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2016  
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Wilson called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with Members Schrupp, Dietz, Ziemer, Robeck and Perschau present. Also present: City Administrator Mark Larson, City Attorney Jody Winters, Finance Director Trippel, PWDs Schreifels and Voigt and Police Chief Raiter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Member Robeck and second by Member Schrupp to approve the consent agenda as presented. All members voted in favor.

A. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 6, 2016.

B. Approve the following building permits:

1. 50 – Over the Counter Permits – Re-roof/Re-side/Window Replacement
2. Glenhurst Apartments; Commercial Re-roof
3. Don Severson, 1605 Loudon Ave N; Drain Tile Repair
4. Derrick Johnson, 1421 Elsie Dr.; Plumbing Permit
5. Eileen Anderson, 325 Edgewood Dr; Mechanical Permit
6. ADM, Mechanical Permit

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR DELINQUENT BILLS OWED TO CITY

Member Ziemer motioned to set the public hearing for delinquent bills owed to the city for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. Member Perschau seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

BIDS AND QUOTES: None

REQUESTS TO BE HEARD:

A. REQUEST FOR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

Public Works Director Schreifels presented the request to connect to city sanitary sewer main for Ron and Mary Mielke of 5874 Dove Avenue and Sharon Gruenhagen of 5842 Dove Avenue. The properties are outside the corporate city limits. The lateral connection will occur within a sanitary sewer man hole on the City of Plato gravity line. All related costs to install the connection and legal fees will be the responsibility of the property owners. The location of these pipes will require easements documentation to be attached to the property abstract. A letter of intent to allow the sewer main to cross the Don Gruenhagen property was reviewed. Each property owner will need to purchase a water meter to allow for billing of sewer usage. A Cooperative Agreement must be signed by each property owner.

Discussion points concerned annexation of properties in the future, is this the direction the city wants to go with these requests, funding is by users, more customers good for business.

Motion by Schrupp to approve the request of Ron & Mary Mielke and Sharon Gruenhagen for sanitary sewer services outside the city limits as presented. Councilor Ziemer seconded the motion. Members voting in favor, Schrupp, Dietz, Ziemer and Perschau. Robeck voted no. Motion carried.

**B. DEED PROPERTY IN GLENVIEW WOODS TO NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNER**

The McLeod County Assessors Office made the city aware of a parcel of land in Glenview Woods that is owned by the city and maintained for 15 years by the adjacent property owner Scott Conklin. This parcel is not considered a buildable lot and has no real value. The property, if deeded over to Mr. Conklin has the potential to generate tax revenue. Mr. Conklin did not request it to be given to him.

Councilor Robeck inquired of the city attorney if the city can give property away. The city can do what they want with property they own. Councilor Schrupp said the city should keep it since we have not had to maintain it.

Motion by Councilor Ziemer and second by Councilor Perschau to deed the property to Mr. Conklin. Motion failed with a 2 to 3 vote against the deed request. Descending votes by Robeck, Schrupp and Dietz.

**C. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION- VARIANCE REQUEST OF KENNY ARTMANN, 1605 KNIGHT AVE N**

Motion to approve the variance request of Kenny Artmann to allow for a garage 8 square feet larger than allowed by ordinance by Councilor Schrupp. Second by Councilor Dietz. All members voted in favor.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**A. ARMSTRONG AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE**

11<sup>th</sup> Street and Armstrong intersection closed as of today for two weeks- temporary access road open to accommodate Seneca Foods and Yard waste site traffic.

**B. LINCOLN PARK PROJECT UPDATE**

Sub- contractor still has not arrived to re-seed.

**C. BAXTER AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE**

Finance Committee will review funding and bring to the next council meeting.

**D. HENNEPIN AVENUE PROJECT UPDATE**

Finance Committee will review funding with cash on hand options and bring to next council meeting.

**E. FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 P.M.**

Paul Donna and John Rodeberg will be attending this meeting.

**ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

**PROJECT UPDATES:** South water tower painting will be done May/June 2017

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: GRHS attended Planning Commission to inform the city of a \$25,000,000 long term care project which will require utility extensions and annexation

PUBLIC INPUT: None

REPORTS: None

CITY BILLS: Motion and second by Perschau and Schrupp to approve payment of the city bills. All members voted in favor.

ADJOURN: Mayor Wilson called for adjournment at 8:33 p.m. Councilor Robeck entered the motion to adjourn. Councilor Dietz seconded. All members voted in favor.