

December 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Schmiedeberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present were Cindy Adams, Jim Erickson, Dan Goldstrand and Joyce Storeby. Also present were city employees Robert Anderson and Megan Hanson. Darlene Brown was also present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Application for a temporary on-sale liquor license, street blockings and employee review. **M/S/P –Storeby/Adams** to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM: Council discussed a couple of areas in town where the streets have been blocked because of vehicles being parked on the streets. Mayor Schmiedeberg will talk with the individuals and Clerk will send letters out. Clerk reported three water shut-off's: Eddie Cozzen for \$248.35, Heidi Johnson for \$183.11 and Jesse Johnson for \$205.00, water will be shut off on December 23, 2013 if not paid in full.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council reviewed the November 18, 2013 minutes. **M/S/P – Erickson/Goldstrand** to approve the November 18, 2013 Minutes with no corrections.

APPROVAL OF 2014 MEETING DATES: Clerk provided a list of regular scheduled council meeting dates for 2014. Meetings will be held the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. with the exception of January and February when the council will meet the third Tuesday because of holidays. **M/S/P – Goldstrand/Storeby** to approve the 2014 Council Meeting Dates.

APPROVAL OF 2014 FINAL BUDGET & TAX LEVY: Council made no changes from the proposed budget which was approved in August. **M/S/P - Storeby/Adams** to approve the 2014 final budget and tax levy.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Other** – Council reviewed the letters which were sent out for liquor licenses. The bowling alley was discussed again. Schmiedeberg talked to Patrick Anderson about hauling the stumps and concrete chunks in the compost site to the landfill in the spring. Clerk reported she did receive a check for \$500 from the Brunham Company for piling woodchips there. The Fire Department received five bids on the truck they were selling, highest bid was from Aaron Kirkeby for \$3,825. Clerk still has not received the gym key back from Denise Johnson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Temporary On-Sale Liquor License Application** – Council reviewed an application for a temporary liquor license for the American Legion for Super Bowl Sunday, February 2, 2014. Clerk reported that the organization must be a non-profit in good standing with the Minnesota Secretary of State. Upon approval by the City, the application is sent in to the state for their approval. Council discussed that Sunday Liquor had already been voted on and did not pass and

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that it is the Lions Club fishing derby that day. **M/S/P – Erickson/Adams** to deny the application.

• **Fire Department Applications** – Council reviewed two fire department applications from Blair Schmiedeberg and Evan Veer. **M/S/P – Adams/Erickson** to approve the fire department applications. **Schmiedeberg abstained from voting.**

• **Other** – Clerk reported that the community center has been reserved for Christmas Eve. Garbage will be picked up on Thursday, December 26, 2013 and Thursday, January 2, 2014 for the holidays, signs have been posted. The City received their annual dividend from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust in the amount of \$1,795.

• **Employee Review** – Council stated that Robert Anderson has been doing very well in his almost six months on the job. They stated that he should be getting paid more for what he does. After much discussion, council decided on the following wages for 2014: Megan Hanson, Clerk: \$16.90 per hour at 32 hours per week, Robert Anderson, City Maintenance: \$15.25 per hour at 32 hours per week, Cathy Englund, Treasurer: \$250 per month, Vicki Lundberg, Custodian: \$175 per month. **M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the 2014 wages as mentioned.

BILLS TO BE AUDITED: The council reviewed the claims list for bills. Clerk reported an addition in the amount of \$24.27 to Ottertail Power Company for a total of \$1,069.02. Total claims were \$6,959.84 for the month. Fire Department bills totaled \$2,534.26. **M/S/P – Erickson/Goldstrand** to approve the claims list and pay bills.

ADJOURNMENT: **M/S/P – Goldstrand/Adams** to adjourn until the next regular scheduled council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Megan Hanson, City Clerk