

February 18, 2014

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. Travis Bergeron and George Williams joined the meeting during Public Forum.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Erickson asked to discuss roads and insurance premium refunds. **M/S/P –Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Schmiedeberg talked to the Bates' about their van which is parked on Park Avenue. They feel as though it is on their property. Bergeron and Williams expressed concern over driving and delivering in the fuel trucks as the van is parked on the street and in the way. Other residents have also complained as vehicles cannot meet on that street due to the van. Clerk will find the street descriptions to check the width of the street as well as the city's right of way. Clerk feels as though they would be in violation of the City's Nuisance Ordinance as they are blocking the roadway creating a hazard. Council would also like to review the street ordinance to see if it addresses parking on the streets. If the van is not moved it will be towed at the owner's expense. There was discussion again about dogs running. Clerk reported two water shut-off's: Jason Olson \$223.75 and Amanda Walz \$170.02. Bills are due on the 20th, shut off is Monday the 24th if not paid in full.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council reviewed the January 21, 2014 minutes. **M/S/P – Adams/Storeby** to approve the January 21, 2014 Minutes with no corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Wastewater Agreement** – Shaun Jevne was unable to attend the meeting. Clerk spoke to him about changing the Water and Wastewater Agreement to Wastewater only as Robert Anderson now has his Class E Water License. Jevne stated that he would accept \$470 per month for wastewater services only. He was previously paid \$540 per month for both. He did state that he would still assist Anderson with water issues if needed. **M/S/P – Erickson/Goldstrand** to approve a Wastewater Agreement with Shaun Jevne for \$470 per month effective March 1, 2014.
- **City Attorney** – There was discussion again about the city appointing an attorney. Schmiedeberg talked to some of the neighboring cities. Brink, Sobolik, Severson, Malm & Albrecht are the attorneys for all the cities in the county as well as the City of Badger. The attorneys are familiar with the area and the people in the area and there didn't seem to be any complaints from the other cities. They are very reasonably priced as well. Adams voiced concern about there ever being an issue between the City and the County as they are also the County Attorneys. Clerk stated that if there was ever an issue between the City and County, the insurance company would hire representation for the City.

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• **Other** – Council Member Storeby congratulated Anderson on receiving his water license. There was discussion again about Anderson moving snow at the cemetery. Council questioned who normally moves snow and if the cemetery board pays for the snow removal or the funeral home. Council agreed that if the City is paying Anderson to move snow there then the City should charge someone for Anderson’s time. Clerk reported she still has not received the gym key back from Denise Johnson.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Roads** – Erickson stated the roads are looking nice but we should have the county wing them out pretty soon. Once it gets slushy we need to have somewhere to put it. He mentioned that the grader works good to get rid of the slush, once it freezes up it is tough on the vehicles.

• **Insurance Premium Refunds** – The City received a check for \$400 from the Northwest Service Cooperative for the Wellness Incentive Program. Both Anderson and the Clerk participated and will receive \$200 each. The money has to go to offset the health insurance premium costs of the employee. The monthly premium for an employee is currently \$341, the City pays \$300 of that and the employee pays the rest.

• **Other** – Items of discussion included: Representative Dan Fabian’s visit today, Local Board of Appeal meeting on April 30, Flag outside of Community Center needs to be repaired – will contact Kay Vierek, and propane prices – the City has used up its prepay. Anderson gave a brief report to the council on the city equipment.

BILLS TO BE AUDITED: The council reviewed the claims list for bills. Clerk reported one addition in the amount of \$345.00 to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the annual permit fee. Total claims were \$5,400.58 for the month. Fire Department bills totaled \$1,359.18.

M/S/P – Storeby/Adams to approve the claims list and pay bills.

ADJOURNMENT: M/S/P – Storeby/Erickson to adjourn until the next regular scheduled council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Megan Hanson, City Clerk