

July 15, 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 was city employee Megan Hanson. Darlene Brown and Adeline Grahn were also present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There were none. **M/S/P –Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM: Adeline Grahn was present to ask about taking down her trees as she feels they are dangerous. She had talked to Ronnie Olson about taking them down but he does not have a tractor to use. Schmiedeberg measured out the lot and it appears that the trees are on Grahn's property. Grahn stated she would be willing to pay to have them taken down. Schmiedeberg had talked to Bruce Blomquist who is willing to take them down if he can keep the wood. Next week Schmiedeberg will cut the trees to the stumps and Olson or Blomquist can clean it up and take the wood. Grahn left the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council reviewed the June 17, 2013 minutes. **M/S/P – Storeby/Erickson** to approve the June 17, 2013 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 56** – Council reviewed the third draft of the ATV/Golf Cart ordinance and a letter from the attorney. Clerk mentioned she had spoken with the Sheriff about enforcement of the ordinance which may be difficult as someone in violation may no longer be driving around by the time the deputy gets here. The Sheriff stated that if people are willing to sign complaints they have no problem issuing tickets. People are now able to use their cell phones to take pictures as well. Council noted that it has gotten better in town but there have still been some complaints. Council would like Clerk to send out a copy of the summary ordinance and put a notice in the water bills that if they continue to receive complaints they will adopt the ordinance.
- **Maintenance Worker Position** – Council received five applications for the position. Council will hold a special meeting to conduct interviews with all five on Monday, July 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Clerk will post notice of the meeting and give Council some information from the League.
- **Other** – Clerk reported that the city will have to enroll Shaun Jevne in PERA as he is an employee who is earning more than \$425 per month. Clerk also reported that Ardell Larson is not satisfied with the appearance of her driveway. Both Schmiedeberg and Larson have spoken with Shawn Anderson with the Kittson County Highway Department about it. Anderson figured it would take less than an hour to sweep it off and oil it. Clerk mentioned putting dirt and grass seed at Tim Undeberg's from last year's curb stop repair, also the ditch across from Nancy Olson's looks as though it could use some. Dirt and grass seed should also be put at Fred Adams's from a curb stop repair last year. The sidewalks on South State Avenue were briefly

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discussed. Storeby asked about Owen Westerberg's plans to put up a grain bin. Clerk reported that she had spoken with Westerberg about him paying the legal fees and he is supposed to get back to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Building Permit Application** – Council reviewed a building permit application from Lorin Grahn for an addition to the laundry room. **M/S/P – Storeby/Adams** to approve the building permit application for Lorin Grahn.

• **Community Center Refrigerator** – Clerk reported that the Senior Citizen Club had Doug Clark come to repair the refrigerator at the Community Center and there is a valve in the compressor which is shot, Clark figures it will cost about \$700 to fix. The City has a site use agreement with LSS to serve senior meals, however, the refrigerator belongs to the City and LSS has no intention of repairing it as they will send items in coolers. The Seniors would like to have a fridge to use. Council agreed that there should be a fridge at the Community Center, Clerk will contact the health inspector to find out if the City has to have a NSF fridge as LSS is the one with the license and would not be using it.

• **Other** – Adams stated she had heard complaints about vehicles being parked on both sides of the road by 329 and 335 South 3rd Avenue. People have not been able to get through on the road. Council discussed the importance of not blocking the road for maintenance reasons and in case an ambulance needs to get through. Clerk will send letters to those homeowners asking that they park in their driveways or yards rather than on both sides of the street. Adams also asked about the City making a donation or contribution to the Woodcarvers Festival as it brings a lot of people to the community. Clerk will check on it but the City is very limited in what donations they may make. Clerk gave some information on propane prepay at Farmers Union, council will revisit this next month. Clerk reported that she will pay Erickson for 55 hours of mowing. There have been a lot of compliments about Erickson's mowing as well as his mosquito spraying. Clerk gave some information on the old bowling alley, Council briefly discussed what could be done and will continue to look into it.

BILLS TO BE AUDITED: The council reviewed the claims list for bills. Clerk reported one addition to Anderson Brothers Construction for \$983.25 for the repair of the American Legion curb stop. Total claims were \$8,918.16 for the month. Fire Department bills totaled \$5,197.53. **M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the claims list and pay bills.

ADJOURNMENT: **M/S/P – Goldstrand/Storeby** to adjourn until the next special council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 22, 2013 for Maintenance Worker interviews. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Megan Hanson, City Clerk