

May 20, 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 Megan Hanson and Jason Olson. Darlene Brown and Lindsey Wojciechowski were also present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Erickson to discuss four-wheelers in town and Wojciechowski, representing the Lake Bronson Improvement Committee, to request approval for a street dance. **M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM: There was a lot of discussion about four-wheelers and golf carts in town. There have been many complaints of them tearing around and being out late at night. The council spent a considerable amount of time reviewing and discussing the City of Hallock's ordinance for ATV's and golf carts. The council would like to adopt a similar ordinance at the next council meeting. **M/S/P – Storeby/Erickson** to have the clerk draft the ordinance and have the attorney review it for approval at the June 17, 2013 meeting. Lindsey Wojciechowski was present to ask for council approval of a street dance on Saturday, August 3, 2013 from 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. It will be held in the same location as in previous years. Council expressed their concern that it gets cleaned up after the dance and that the band quits at 1:00 a.m. regardless of the weather. **M/S/P – Erickson/Goldstrand** to approve a street dance on Saturday, August 3, 2013, **Storeby abstained from voting.** There was brief discussion about the Improvement Committee. Also discussion about the compost site, clerk will put a notice in the water bills to remind residents to follow the rules at the compost site, no building materials, pallets, nails, etc.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council reviewed the April 15, 2013 and April 29, 2013 minutes. Erickson asked about the receipt for the grant for the tv in the community center, clerk provided him with a copy. Adams asked about reimbursement for meals and if the city employees receive the same as the firemen. Council decided last month to pay the employees \$25 per day for meals for training just as a onetime deal. Schmiedeberg explained that the firemen normally receive a certain dollar amount for each meal which is not provided to them at training, they know which meals will be provided ahead of time so they are each given a certain amount before they leave. They will now receive a check for their meals rather than cash. Adams stated she had asked Patricia Nerguson about who she had spoke with from the railroad for ditching, Nerguson stated the clerk has the name of the person she talked to. Clerk reported she has no idea who Nerguson talked to. **M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the April 15, 2013 Minutes. **M/S/P – Storeby/Adams** to approve the April 29, 2013 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Revolving Loan Fund** – Council reviewed a report from the clerk on the status of the loans made. Patricia Nerguson has been making the current payments on the three loans made to Stallocks, however, Stallocks have not made any payments on the past due amounts. No one was sure what agreement Nerguson has with Stallocks, clerk will contact both parties to get a

copy of the agreement they have for the city's files. Clerk will invite Stallocks to the next meeting to see if they are able to make payments on the past due amounts.

- **Other** – Nerguson still has not returned the city keys, Adams reported that they are in a lock box which she cannot find the key for. Schmiedeberg suggested taking the box to a locksmith. Mayor and clerk have both spoken with MN DOT regarding Western Street approach. They will need to take a look at what should be done there due to drainage issues. Clerk reported the paint pick-up for the Minnesota Beautiful program will be Wednesday, June 5 in Bemidji. Council discussed taking the key for the gym out of Cenex for the summer. Memorial Day services will be held at the school gym on Memorial Day, the furnace will be shut off there after those services.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resignation** – City Maintenance Worker Jason Olson has turned in a letter of resignation. He will be returning to work at American Crystal on May 28, 2013. His last day with the City of Lake Bronson will be Friday, May 24, 2013. **M/S/P – Erickson/Storeby** to accept the resignation. The city has an agreement for wastewater services with Shaun Jevne, he will need to be contacted to find out what will need to be done while the city is without a maintenance worker and to revise the contract to add water services. Erickson will take the daily lift station readings. The city will need to advertise for the Maintenance Worker position. **M/S/P – Adams/Goldstrand** to advertise the Maintenance Worker position with starting pay at \$12.50 per hour, 32 hours per week with benefits. The city will also need someone to mow until the position is filled. **M/S/P – Storeby/Adams** to pay Jim Erickson \$10 per hour for mowing until the city has a new maintenance worker.

- **Building Permit Applications** – Council reviewed building permit applications from Amanda Walz to build an entry on the north side of the house and from Rick Shablow to put up a privacy fence. Council noted Shablow needs to be four feet from the property line, Schmiedeberg stated he would talk to Shablow. **M/S/P – Storeby/Erickson** to approve building permit applications for Amanda Walz and Rick Shablow with the stipulation that he builds four feet from the property line.

- **Other** – Olson mentioned that the two baby swings at the city park need to be replaced, clerk is waiting for vendor to contact her with prices. **M/S/P – Adams/Storeby** to purchase two new baby swings. Clerk reported the Village Square building has been reserved for a couple of graduation parties as well as an evening church service. Clerk provided correspondence she received from Knife River, they will be paving in the area. Schmiedeberg stated he had talked to them about the N. 2nd Ave. approach, they will need to talk to the county engineer about it first. City still needs to pave Ardell Larson's driveway. Schmiedeberg explained how the DNR is changing the way they pay the local fire departments for assisting with fires. They will now make a lump sum payment rather than pay for each fire unless it is an extreme fire.

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BILLS TO BE AUDITED: The council reviewed the claims list for bills. Clerk reported three additions to the amounts on the list: Kittson County Highway Department add \$22.50 for snow removal, Delta Dental add \$3.10 for premium increase, Megan Hanson add \$16.85 for postage for a sewer sample. Total claims were \$6,628.97 for the month. Fire Department bills totaled \$4,380.04. **M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** 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, June 17, 2013. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Megan Hanson, City Clerk