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**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:** Discussion of the bowling alley. **M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** to approve the agenda.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Goldstrand mentioned he had heard concerns about minors being served in the bars. There was also discussion about bartenders drinking while working, patrons being over served and the bars being open after hours. **M/S/P – Erickson/Storeby** to send letters to both bars regarding those concerns. Council reviewed a letter from Lorin Grahn with concerns about nuisance issues. A copy of his letter is attached to these minutes. Council reviewed the Nuisance Ordinance and agreed they would take a look around town and discuss again at the next meeting. Clerk reported two water shut-off's: Verlene Hill for \$199.11 and Tim Undeberg for \$215.25, water will be shut off on November 21, 2013 if not paid in full.

**MAINTENANCE:** Robert Anderson updated the council on projects he has been working on. The warming shack needs to be moved to the school lot. Anderson is finishing up with the hydrants. He has been discharging the ponds and samples have been collected and sent in. The shop door still needs to be fixed, a motor is almost as much as a new opener. Schmiedeberg can pick up a new opener in Karlstad for about \$269. Anderson stated that the heater in the pickup has been fixed. Someone had a major water leak early one Sunday morning and Anderson had a very hard time locating the curb stop with the metal detector. He went to Lancaster and got theirs and was able to find it right away. It looks like there should be a charger for the metal detector, however, the previous maintenance worker thought it only ran off of batteries. Schmiedeberg and Anderson will take it apart to find out. **M/S/P – Adams/Erickson** to purchase a new metal detector if needed. Council discussed changing the water policy to include added expenses for emergency situations when it is the homeowner's problem. Anderson stated that he will need help getting the snow bucket on and that the snow plow should be going in the shop tomorrow.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Council reviewed the October 21, 2013 minutes. **M/S/P – Goldstrand/Storeby** to approve the October 21, 2013 Minutes with no corrections.

**APPROVAL OF 2014 LIQUOR LICENSES:** Clerk reported that she had the renewal forms, certificates of insurance and payments from the Maverick Bar, American Legion Post #315 and Cenex. Council again discussed sending letters to the bars with the previously mentioned concerns. Letters will also state that the City will seriously consider revoking the licenses if problems continue. **M/S/P – Goldstrand/Adams** to approve the 2014 liquor licenses.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Fire Department** – Council reviewed a letter from the attorney regarding conflict of interest issues. The Fire Department would like to sell their 1993 Ford F800 on bids. **M/S/P – Adams/Storeby** to take bids on the truck. Council reviewed a Fire Department application from Brett Schmiedeberg. **M/S/P – Storeby/Adams** to approve the application. **Schmiedeberg abstained from voting.**
- **Railroad** – Council reviewed a letter from the attorney regarding the railroad’s interest in closing the Hill Street crossing. Council decided they would do nothing at this time and wait to see if the railroad contacts the City again.
- **Other** – Clerk reported that she still has not gotten the gym key back from Denise Johnson. Erickson asked what went on at the gym last weekend as there was a lot of noise. Clerk stated that the Improvement Committee had reserved the gym to have a DJ for the kids. The council would like to be aware of such events so if they plan to use the gym again, they should get council approval first. Even though they were denied permission, the Brunham Company hauled wood chips out to the compost site. Clerk stated that they had told her they would come and haul them out but they still haven’t. They offered \$200 to leave them, however, the Clerk did not feel it was right to accept a payment when they shouldn’t have put them there in the first place. Council instructed the Clerk to call them tomorrow and tell them they need to come that day and get them or send a payment of \$500.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust** – Council reviewed the liability coverage waiver form. **M/S/P – Erickson/Storeby** to not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes 466.04.
- **Lutheran Social Services** – Council reviewed the LSS Senior Nutrition Program Site Use Agreement for 2014. **M/S/P – Erickson/Goldstrand** to approve the site use agreement.
- **Other** – Adams stated she would like to make the bowling alley a priority before next summer. She mentioned that the City of Kennedy has been working on getting rid of some of their hazardous buildings in town. There was discussion about getting quotes for the demolition of the building. Adams also presented the council with a copy of the Leith City Council Proceedings which included passing ordinances for adopting the state building code and addressing water and sewer issues. Clerk reported that she is completing a form for the county for Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. Council Member Storeby is the only member who has had the training. Clerk also reported that there will again be a meal at the community center on Thanksgiving for anyone who is interested.

**BILLS TO BE AUDITED:** The council reviewed the claims list for bills. Clerk reported three additions: another invoice from Ferguson for \$115.83 for hydrant parts for a total of \$239.02,

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Minnesota Department of Health for \$238.00 for the quarterly service connection fee, and Fire Bug Services for \$176.00 to check and recharge fire extinguishers. Clerk also reported that she had approved a claim to Postmaster for \$16.85 for a water sample. Total claims were \$5,162.69 for the month. Fire Department bills totaled \$5,515.14. **M/S/P – Storeby/Adams** to approve the claims list and pay bills.

**ADJOURNMENT: M/S/P – Storeby/Goldstrand** to adjourn until the next regular scheduled council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2013. Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Megan Hanson, City Clerk