

4. Fire Dept. members are cleaning out the back (NW) corner of the Fire Dept. Shop so the area is ready when the contractor comes to cap the old well.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Dennis Seys reported on the following:

1. Bargaen, Inc. has contacted the City regarding crack sealing for 2008. Motion by Westphal, seconded by Miller to approve \$5,000.00 from the 2008 Street Repair budget for crack sealing. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. Plans for the water tower house (305 Main Street East) were discussed. Mr. Seys will obtain cost estimates from the contractor for demolition of the house.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. The School request for no parking, handicap accessible parking spaces, signage and other changes on a portion of the 100 block of Main Street West in front of the School was discussed. St. Clair School Superintendent Tom Bruels was present to discuss issues regarding parking, student drop-off/pick-up in the area and other concerns. Mr. Bruels stated that these changes are phase one of a multi-phase approach to addressing the issues. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hughes to send a letter to Joe Styndl, Blue Earth County Highway Dept., stating that the Council fully supports the School request. The letter will include a request for two (2) handicap accessible parking spaces on each end of the no parking area in front of the School. The letter will also include a statement of support for the School request for warning lights on the east and west end of the School Zone area. Motion carried with all in favor. Following further discussion of parking concerns in the area, a motion was made by Westphal, seconded by Hughes to request enforcement and signs on the no parking area along the curve area on the north side of Main Street West (across from the Agency Street corner of the School). Motion carried with all in favor.
2. The Community ED schedule for use of Memorial Park for summer and fall 2008 was discussed. Motion by Spear, seconded by Hughes to approve the schedule. Motion carried with all in favor.
3. Per request by Dan Bezdicek (St. Clair Insurance Agency) flood insurance in the Wastewater Treatment Plant area was discussed. Currently, the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust does not offer flood insurance. Flood insurance would only be available through the National Flood Insurance Program. Actual cost of flood insurance was not available but is proposed to be very expensive. Motion by Spear, seconded by Hughes to take no action towards the purchase of flood insurance at this time. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. Nuisance complaints were discussed. Motion by Westphal, seconded by Miller to schedule public hearings for Tuesday, March 3, 2008. Nuisance Ordinance violators will be invited to the public hearing to discuss abatement of the nuisances by the City. Motion carried with all in favor.
5. The City Clerk requested permission to attend the MN Municipal Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MCFOA) annual conference being held March 11th – 14th in Alexandria. Motion by Miller, seconded by Hughes to approve attendance by the City Clerk at the MCFOA annual conference. Motion carried with all in favor.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Westphal reported on the Economic Development Authority (EDA) meeting, which was held on Monday, February 4th at 5:00 p.m. Items discussed included the City logo (revisions will be ready for the March 3rd EDA meeting), water project update and playground equipment (repair, replace and adding to the existing).
2. Council Member Spear attended the January School Board Meeting. Items discussed included parking issues in front of the School and the appointment of a new School Board member. Council Member Miller will attend the February School Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Hughes, seconded by Miller and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer