

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2009**

The City Council toured the City Wastewater Treatment Plant and the City Water Treatment Facility from 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. with Public Works Supervisor, Dennis Seys. During that time they met with Dave Webb, General Construction Services, at the Water Tower and received an update on the status of the Water Tower Project.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Westphal at 7:27 p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the St. Clair City Hall, 304 Main Street West, St. Clair, Minnesota. Council Members present: Mayor Westphal, Julie Spear, Mike Hughes, Jerry Phillips and Tom Karels, Sr. Council Members absent: None. City Staff present: Dennis Seys, Catherine Seys and Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff. Others present: Jeff Domras and Mark Frahm.

The minutes of the May 5, 2009 Regular City Council meeting, the May 20, 2009 Public Hearing and the May 20, 2009 Special City Council meeting were approved with a motion by Karels, seconded by Phillips and carried with all in favor.

The bills for the month of May were approved with a motion by Spear, seconded by Hughes and carried with all in favor.

**WATER TOWER PROJECT UPDATE**

Pay Estimate #5 in the amount of \$16,245.00 has been received from General Construction Services. The Pay Estimate includes erection of the water tower. Motion by Spear, seconded by Phillips to approve payment of Pay Estimate #5 (\$16,245.00) to General Construction Services. Motion carried with all in favor.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. The Fire Dept. Steak Fry will be held on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 5 pm to 8 pm.
2. The rescue squad truck needs a new engine. Estimated cost is \$6,500.00 to \$7,575.00. It will take approx 2 weeks to get the block and approx. 6 days for Westman Freightliner to do the work.
3. A request for \$6,000.00 from the Fire Dept. Relief Assoc. Charitable Gambling Fund for the fire truck/equipment fund was discussed. Motion by Karels, seconded by Hughes to approve a request of \$6,000.00 from the FDRA Charitable Gambling Fund for the fire truck/equipment fund. Motion carried with all in favor.
4. Jim Williams has retired from the St. Clair Fire Dept. Mr. Williams had 15 years of service with the department. Jason Juliar will fill the position vacated by Mr. Williams.
5. The Bike Race is scheduled for Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help with road closings within the City during the race.

**PUBLIC WORK DEPT. REPORT**

Public Works Dept. Supervisor Dennis Seys reported on the following:

1. Proposals for the 2009 Street Overlay and Patching Project were opened and reviewed. Four (4) proposals were received. Proposals were received from Nielson Blacktopping, Ground Zero, WW Blacktopping and SMC. Proposals included two (2) options. Option one (1): Palmer Drive, Winslow Circle and misc. patch areas. Option two (2): Miller Lane, Hilton Drive and misc. patch areas. After review of the proposals a motion was made by Hughes, seconded by Phillips to approve the proposal received for Option two (2) from Nielson Blacktopping in the amount of \$50,428.06. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. Street sweeping of all curb and gutter streets was done on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.
3. Thanks to Bill Fitzloff for watering the new trees at Memorial Park.

4. Mr. Seys asked the Council to take note of the dogwood hedge on the City lot on Miller Lane to determine what should be done with the hedge.
5. Paint options for the water tower were discussed and approved with a motion by Hughes, seconded by Phillips and carried with all in favor. The tower will be painted gray on the column and lower portion of the bowl, red on the top of the tower and white across the middle with the logo in black.

#### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. The South Central Safety Committee (SCSC) met on May 18<sup>th</sup> in Mapleton. Administrative requirements were the topic of discussion. The Employee Emergency Procedure Policy was presented. The City Clerk-Treasurer explained that cities, as part of their safety program, are required to have an Employee Emergency Procedure Policy in place. Motion by Spear, seconded by Karels to approve the Policy. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. A draft of the Greater Mankato Growth Economic Development Partnership Agreement was presented to the City Council. Jonathan Zierdt discussed the Agreement at the April meeting of the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks.
3. The Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks met on May 28<sup>th</sup> in Lake Crystal. The 800 MHz radio system was the topic of discussion.
4. The Water Tower Lease Agreement between the City and Palmer Bus was briefly discussed. The City Attorney will be reviewing the agreement. The Mayor and City Clerk will meet with Mr. Palmer in the near future. Lease payment amount was also discussed.

#### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND UPDATES**

1. Council Member Hughes reported on the Economic Development Authority (EDA) which was held on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Items discussed included the City sidewalks and Safe Routes to School grant and installation of the new slides at Memorial Park. Thanks to all who helped with the slide installation ... Mike Hughes, Randy Thompson, Jason Weinandt, Kevin Sargent, Chandler Holland, Kevin Thooft, Thad Baker, Tom Nicolai, John Rule, Jamie Will and Darrell Anderegg. Woodchips for the playground area were discussed and will be ordered.
2. Council Member Hughes will attend the June School Board meeting.
3. Mayor Westphal discussed St. Clair Days. The 2009 Grand Marshals will be Chuck and Carol Grams.

#### **OTHER MISC. BUSINESS**

1. A number of dog complaints have been received regarding (2) dogs coming into town from out in the country. The City Clerk has been in contact with the Sheriff's Dept. regarding the problem.
2. Cleaning of the storm water drainage ditch on the East end of town was briefly discussed.
3. The Council discussed traffic problems. The City Clerk will contact the Blue Earth County Engineer to request "no passing" (double yellow lines) on all County Roads through town (Co. Rd. 43, 15, 28 North and 28 South).

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Spear, seconded by Hughes and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer