

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009**

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected and appointed Officials.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Doug Westphal at 7:00 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: Deb McCollum, Catherine Seys and Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff. Others present: Jeff Domras.

The minutes of the December 2nd Regular City Council meeting were approved with a motion by Hughes, seconded by Phillips and carried with all in favor.

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

PHOSPHORUS REDUCTION SYSTEM

Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) discussed the Phosphorus Reduction System at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. MN Pollution Control Agency (MnPCA) permit requirements for phosphorus reduction were discussed. System monitoring and testing was also discussed. Sizing of the pump used to feed Ferric Chloride was previously questioned, it has been determined that the pump is adequately sized.

MEI REQUEST TO HAUL WASTE TO THE CITY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Brian Jost (MEI) has contacted the City with regard to the request by MEI to haul waste to the City Wastewater Treatment Plant. MEI is considering a number of options for their waste disposal. In addition to the City of St. Clair, MEI has also contacted the City of St. Peter. Mr. Jost will contact the City Clerk when they make a decision.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. Clarey's will be at the Fire Hall on January 7th for the annual maintenance on the SCBA's.
2. The Fire Dept. responded to 103 calls in 2008.
3. The radio is being repaired in the Freightliner.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Dept. employee Deb McCollum reported on the following:

1. The sensor lights have been installed on the outside of the Water Treatment Facility.
2. The new sander is working great.

CITY CLERK'S REPORTS

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. The 2009 Organization and Appointment Resolution was presented to the Council for discussion and review. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Karels to approve the 2009 Organization and Appointment Resolution. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. The 2009 Fee Schedule Worksheet was presented for review. Motion by Hughes, seconded by Spear to approve the 2009 Fee Schedule with an adjustment to the water rates. Water rates will be adjusted as follows. The base rate will increase from \$10.00 to \$12.00. The rate for each 1,000 gallons will increase from \$5.00 to \$6.50. All other rates, fees and compensations will remain as they were in 2008. Motion carried with all in favor.

3. **MnWARN the Minnesota Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network was discussed. The City Clerk-Treasurer will prepare the resolution and application for participation.**
4. **The City of St. Clair received the full allotment of LGA (Local Government Aid) for December 2008. Cities with a population under 1,000 were exempt from LGA cuts.**
5. **The City Clerk-Treasurer will attend the SCSC (South Central Safety Committee) meeting in Mapleton on January 14th. The SCSC members will be meeting with the new League of MN Cities Insurance Trust loss control consultant.**
6. **Mark Schulz (Bolton and Menk) will be invited to the February City Council meeting to demonstrate the On-Line Mapping System.**

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS/ UPDATES

1. **Council Member Spear reported on the EDA meeting which was held on Monday, January 5th. Items discussed included the Welcome Packet for new residents, Safe Route to School grant and Winter Carnival ideas.**
2. **Mayor Westphal attended the December School Board Meeting. (It was noted that the School will move the soccer goals from Memorial Park in the spring.) Council Member Hughes will attend the January School Board meeting.**
3. **Fourteen (14) hardwood trees were moved to Memorial Park on December 5th and 6th. Thanks to Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff for providing the truck and watering the trees.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Hughes, seconded by Phillips and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer