

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

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.

The minutes of the August 4, 2009 Regular City Council meeting were approved with a motion by Spear, seconded by Hughes and carried with all in favor.

The bills for the month of August were approved with a motion by Phillips, seconded by Karels and carried with all in favor.

THANK YOU! ... the Mayor and City Council extends their appreciation to Laurie Thorstad and Deloris Smestad for planting and tending the downtown flower barrels this summer. *Great job!*

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

Jeff Domras, Bolton and Menk, sent the Council a memo indicating the following:

1. Verizon and AT&T have moved their cellular antennas/equipment from the old water to the new water tower.
2. General Construction Services will construct the heated enclosure inside the base of the new water tower.
3. After construction of the inside enclosure the electrical up-lighting and the remaining electrical will be installed and wired to the enclosure.
4. General Construction Services will secure a crane and begin demolition of the old water tower in the near future.
5. After the interior work and the old tower demolition is completed the final site grading, concrete work and seeding will take place.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. A grant application for \$2,500.00 for firefighting equipment has been submitted to AgStar.
2. The Fire Chief and the City Clerk attended an Emergency Management NIMS meeting at the Blue Earth County Justice Center on Monday, August 24th. The County is developing an Emergency Management Committee. The Committee will meet approx. four (4) times annually.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

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

1. Annual street repair (overlay and patch work) will be completed after the demolition of the old water tower.
2. A Bulk Water Fill Station was discussed. Fitzloff Electric estimated cost of the fill station at \$1,952.00. Options for location of the fill station included the City Hall/Fire Hall and the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The matter will be further discussed at the regular October Council meeting.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. The City Wide Clean-Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd. Tags are required for appliances and electronics.

2. The official National Night Out for 2010 has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd. Registration information becomes available in February 2010. Additional information will be presented to the Council when it becomes available.
3. The South Central Safety Committee (SCSC) will meet in Eagle Lake on Wednesday, September 2nd.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. The Economic Development Authority (EDA) will meet on Monday, September 14th at 5:00 p.m.
2. The Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks will meet in Eagle Lake on Thursday, September 10th.
3. Council Member Hughes brought it to the attention of the Council that the Stewart MN High School has a large amount of playground equipment up for auction on-line. After discussion a motion was made by Phillips, seconded by Spear directing Council Member Hughes to pursue purchase of the equipment through the on-line auction up to \$7,500.00. The Council also approved \$2,000.00 towards moving the equipment from Stewart to St. Clair if the equipment is purchased. Motion carried with all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Hughes, seconded by Spear and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer