

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglas 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: Dennis Seys and Catherine Seys. Others present: Mark Frahm and Ralph Buesing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS

The minutes of the July 6, 2010 Regular City Council meeting were approved with a motion by Phillips, seconded by Karels and carried with all in favor.

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

ZONING

A Variance Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, August 30, 2010 for Geoff and Karen Thornes, 121 Railroad Street South. The Thornes' propose to build a detached garage 24' wide X 31' long X 22' high. A Variance is required due to height.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The St. Clair Fire Dept. is participating in Night to Unite. The Fire Dept. will be attending the block party in Southview II and will be stopping at the block parties in St. Clair.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Dennis Seys reported on the following:

Problems were experienced at the Wastewater Treatment Plant due to a "dirty" transfer of the generator related to a power surge on July 27th. MTU On-Site Energy, Fitzloff Electric, Quality Flow and the Public Works employees have been working on the problem. The City insurance agent has also been contacted.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. Five (5) St. Clair neighborhoods will be participating in the Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 3rd. Thanks to those who volunteered to host a block party ...
 - Alicia Juliar and Gretchen Gosewisch
(Agency Street, Front Street West and South, Horseshoe Lane, Main Street West and Railroad Street)
 - Cindy Olson and Alyssa Moffitt
(Front Street East, 100 block of Co. Rd. 28 South, south side of the 200 block of Main Street East, Mill Street and Park Street South)
 - Sara Will, Brianna Preston and Mandy Fitzloff
(300 block of Co. Rd. 28 South, Hilltop Lane, Willow Circle and Willow Lane)
 - Becky Bequette
(Winnebago Circle)
 - Angie Delory
(Schalow Apartments)

2. **Election Update**
St. Clair Election Judges attended training at the Blue Earth County Court House on Wednesday, July 14th.
Filing Affidavits of Candidacy opens on Tuesday, August 3rd and closes on Tuesday, August 17th.
The State Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 10th. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
3. **City Wide Clean Up Day** has been scheduled for Saturday, October 9th. Residents are encouraged to use this opportunity to spruce up their property and improve the general appearance of the City. City Council and staff have toured the City and identified properties in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance. Residents who do not take this opportunity to clean up their property will be notified in accordance with the City Nuisance Ordinance.
4. The South Central Safety Committee (SCSC) met in Amboy on Wednesday, July 28th. The topic of the training was Heat Emergency and Lock Out/Tag Out (Control of Hazardous Energy). The next SCSC training will be held in Eagle Lake on Wednesday, September 22nd. The training will cover Confined Space Entry.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. The Economic Development Authority has decided to meet on an as needed basis.
2. Council Member Mike Hughes attended the July School Board meeting. Items discussed included weighted grades.
3. The Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks don't meet in July or August. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9th in Eagle Lake.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Hughes, seconded by Phillips and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer