

**CITY OF ST. CLAIR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 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, Catherine Seys and Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff. Others present: Mark Frahm, Jeff Domras and Chris Cousins.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS**

The minutes of the September 7, 2010 Regular 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 September were approved with a motion by Spear, seconded by Hughes and carried with all in favor.

**ZONING**

The property at 109 Main Street East was briefly discussed. The property is owned by First National Bank of LeCenter. Status of the property will be further discussed at the Regular November Council meeting.

**FLOOD UPDATE**

Jeff Domras, Bolton and Menk, was present to discuss the start-up and status of the Waste Water Treatment (Sewer) Plant after the flood. Mr. Domras reported the following:

- After drying out and testing the electrical and mechanical components start-up of the Plant went well.
- The Plant is performing well and meeting all MN Pollution Control Agency (PCA) discharge requirements.
- Although the existing UV Disinfection System was under 3' to 4' of flood water, it is operating and performing well at this time. A Chlorine Disinfection System is on stand-by in case the UV System should fail. Mr. Domras noted that the UV Disinfection System is required to be in operation from April 1 until November 1 each year. The existing UV System will be shut down on November 1, 2010. Prior to the April 1, 2011 start-up, the UV Disinfection System will be changed out with a new, updated system which will perform for efficiently with less maintenance.
- The permanent generator at the Plant was also significantly inundated by the flood waters. MTU On-Site Energy will be on site to check the generator on Thursday.

Dennis Seys, Public Works Supervisor, reported on the following with regard to flood clean-up:

- Overall clean up at the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been completed.
- 4' to 5' drifts of sand have been removed from the area.
- Volunteers were on hand Saturday (Oct. 2) and removed all the sand bags from the Sewer Plant.
- A roller was borrowed from the School to level out the ruts around the Plant.
- In the two (2) Clarifier structures the scum bar arms were bent, they were welded and straightened last week prior to start up.

Mayor Westphal reported that on October 1, 2010 U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and Representative Collin Peterson and Tim Walz sent a letter to President Obama urging him to issue a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the counties in Minnesota devastated by the flood and allow FEMA to begin to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the flood areas with public assistance, individual assistance and mitigation.

### **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. Tomorrow (Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>), the St. Clair Fire Dept. will host its annual Fire Prevention program for 93 students in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. The Fire Dept. will also present the program to the children in the Early Childhood program on Monday and Tuesday evening (Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>).
2. The St. Clair Fire Dept. and Mitt's BP will host a Pizza Fundraiser on Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Order a pizza at Mitt's BP to be delivered in-town by the local St. Clair Fire Dept. Proceeds from pizza sales will go to the St. Clair Fire Dept.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT**

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

1. Mr. Seys thanked everyone who helped with the flood especially Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) and Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff for their help at the Sewer Plant.
2. Water main (hydrant) flushing will be done on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>.
3. Annual sludge hauling will be done in the next couple weeks.
4. The Memorial Park pavilion will be winterized and closed for the season by the end of October.
5. MTU On-Site Energy serviced the generators in September. The City Clerk will obtain quotes for the 2011 Generator Service Agreement.

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

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The polling place for St. Clair residents is the St. Clair City Hall. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
2. City Wide Clean Up Day will be Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.
3. The South Central Safety Committee (SCSC) met in Eagle Lake on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The topic of the training was Employee Right-to-Know and Confined Space Entry. The next SCSC meeting will be held in Good Thunder on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2011 was discussed. Motion by Spear, seconded by Hughes to approve the 2011 liquor license renewal for the St. Clair American Legion Club (Club and Sunday Liquor Licenses) and the Uptown Tavern (On-Sale, Off-Sale and Sunday Liquor Licenses). Motion carried with all in favor.
5. Due to Election Day on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Regular November City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Canvassing of Election Returns will also be done at that meeting.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

1. The Economic Development Authority (EDA) will meet on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss and plan the Donuts with Santa event.
2. Council Member Spear attended the School Board meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Phillips will attend the October 18<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting.
3. Mayor Westphal attended the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks meeting in Eagle Lake on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The speaker for the evening was Katie Nerem with information regarding the Blue Earth County Revolving Loan Program. Developing a program for combining services and sharing equipment (street sweeper, leaf vac, etc.) County-wide was also discussed. The next Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks meeting will be held in Pemberton on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. Mayor Westphal reported that the Blue Earth County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting an Invasive Species Workshop (Emerald Ash Bore, etc.) on Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Land of Memories Park.

5. After the City Wide Clean Up (October 16<sup>th</sup>) the City Council will address properties that are still in violation of the Nuisance Ordinance.
6. Property owners with tree branches overhanging City streets and sidewalks will be contacted and asked to trim their trees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Spear, seconded by Hughes and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer