

CITY OF ST. CLAIR  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglas Westphal at 7:03 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, Jerry Phillips, Thomas Karels, Sr., Chris Cousins and Jason Weinandt. Council Members absent: None. City Staff present: Mark Krenik, Public Works Supervisor; Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer; and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Lisa Johnson (representing the St. Clair Fitness Center and St. Clair School Board liaison).

After calling the meeting to order Mayor Westphal welcomed all visitors and guests and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS

The minutes of the Regular July City Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Weinandt, seconded by Phillips, and carried with all in favor.

The invoices, bills and vendor's claims for the month of July were approved with a motion by Phillips, seconded by Cousins and carried with all in favor.

ST. CLAIR WALK THE TOWN ... ST. CLAIR FITNESS CENTER

Lisa Johnson was present representing the St. Clair Fitness Center. Lisa and her husband Mike recently purchased the fitness center at 113 Main Street East in St. Clair. Ms. Johnson was present to discuss and promote "St. Clair Walk the Town". St. Clair Walk the Town is a 6 week community wellness program for all ages. Participants will track and log their steps. The program will start on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and continue thru Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The \$10 entry fee will be donated to the St. Clair School track. The first 125 to sign up will receive a free pedometer. There will be weekly walks on Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings for those who choose to join; followed by a free stretching class. There will be weekly prize drawings for participants. Additional information about St. Clair Walk the Town will be posted on the City website.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. On behalf of the St. Clair Fire Dept. Relief Association, Fire Chief Fitzloff requested the annual municipal support in the amount of \$5,000.00 for 2013. Motion by Karels, seconded by Phillips to approve the request. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. The Fire Dept. has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the MN Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). The grant is a 50/50 matching grant and will be used towards pagers.
3. The four (4) batteries in the civil defense siren were recently replaced.
4. The Fire Dept. has responded to 49 calls so far in 2012.
5. There are currently three (3) openings on the Fire Dept. One (1) application has been received.
6. The new radios for the 800 MHz Radio System were hooked-up today.

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Dept. Supervisor Mark Krenik reported on the following:

1. The 2012 Sidewalk Project is on schedule. The City has hired Leon Depuydt (Leon's Custom Backhoe) to repair the water shut-offs (curbstops) in the project area.
2. Mr. Krenik noted that the picnic shelter at Memorial Park is in need of repair. The Council will take a look at the shelter and discuss repair options.
3. Zumbro Valley Forestry sprayed the riverbank erosion area in mid-July.

### CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. Motion by Cousins, seconded by Weinandt to schedule a Special City Council meeting to discuss and review the 2013 Preliminary Budget. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried with all in favor.
2. The City received a letter from Bob Meyer, Blue Earth County Administrator, regarding a Public Hearing to be held by the Blue Earth County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss an ordinance regulating the use of all-terrain vehicles on County State Highways and County Roads within Blue Earth County.
3. The Council briefly discussed the proposed Golf Cart Ordinance and various options including a Golf Cart and Mini-Truck Ordinance and a Specialized Vehicle Ordinance. The Council will include discussion of the proposed Golf Cart Ordinance at the Special City Council meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Captain Rich Murry (Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept.) will be invited to attend and answer Council questions regarding golf carts and other specialized vehicles. The Council will hold a public information meeting on the proposed Golf Cart Ordinance at a later date. (The date of the public information meeting has not yet been determined).
4. The annual City Wide Clean-Up day was held on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.
5. The annual Night to Unite will be held on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) neighborhoods have scheduled neighborhood block parties.

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Cousins attended the July 23<sup>rd</sup> School Board meeting. Council Member Weinandt will attend the August 20<sup>th</sup> School Board meeting.
2. The Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks do not meet in the months of July and August.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Karels, seconded by Weinandt and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer