

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

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, Thomas Karels, Sr., Chris Cousins, and Jason Weinandt. Council Members absent: Jerry Phillips. City Staff present: Deb McCollum, Public Works Dept. Employee; Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer; and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk), Ben Johnson (Kennedy and Graven), Dennis Johnson (Ecumen/Mankato Lutheran Homes), Gary Heinzig (Waste Management), and Ed Farforth (LJP).

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS

The minutes of the May 7, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Karels, seconded by Weinandt, and carried with all in favor. The invoices, bills, and vendor's claims for the month of May 2013 were approved with a motion by Weinandt, seconded by Cousins and carried with all in favor.

ECUMEN/MANKATO LUTHERAN HOME

Ben Johnson (Kennedy and Graven) and Dennis Johnson (Ecumen/Mankato Lutheran Homes) were present to discuss a proposal whereby the City of St. Clair would act as a 'sponsor/conduit' for Ecumen (a MN nonprofit corporation) in the issuance of bank qualified, tax-exempt revenue bonds to finance and refinance their senior assisted living and nursing homes in Mankato. This financing mechanism is known as issuing 'conduit revenue bonds' because the City acts as a 'conduit' issuer for the Borrower (Ecumen). Under federal and Minnesota law, a nonprofit such as Ecumen may only incur tax-exempt debt if such debt obligation is issued by a local unit of government. Mr. Johnson explained that there is absolutely no risk to the City of St. Clair in acting as a 'conduit' for Ecumen. He also stated that acting as a 'conduit' in no way affects the bond rating of the City of St. Clair. He further stated that after issuance, there are no reporting obligations, paperwork, or other responsibilities/ requirements of the City of St. Clair. The City of St. Clair is completely indemnified on both the State and Federal government level. The benefit to the City of St. Clair for acting as a 'conduit' is ¼% of the principal amount or approximately \$20,000.

Motion by Karels, seconded by Weinandt to approve Resolution # 2013-03 "Establishing the Date for a Public Hearing and Authorizing the Publication of a Notice of Public Hearing with Respect to the Proposed Issuance of a Healthcare Facilities Revenue Note; Giving Preliminary Approval to the Proposed Issuance of a Healthcare Facilities Revenue Note." Motion carried with all in favor.

Motion by Cousins, seconded by Weinandt to schedule the Public Hearing for Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Clair City Hall Meeting Room. Motion carried with all in favor. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation to the City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

The following Old Business items were discussed:

1. GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS –

Proposals for garbage and recycling collection services were opened and reviewed. Gary Heinzig was present representing Waste Management, and Ed Farforth was present representing LJP. Proposals and options discussed were as follows:

OPTION #1 (CURRENT SERVICE)	WASTE MANAGEMENT		LJP	
GARBAGE			WEEKLY – 1- 64 gal. cart or 2-30 gal. bags	\$11.35
RECYCLING			WEEKLY – 1-22 gal. bin single sort	\$3.10
TOTAL				\$14.45
OPTION #2 (SINGLE SORT RECYCLING)	WASTEMANAGEMENT		LJP	
GARBAGE	WEEKLY – 1-64 gal. cart or 2-30 gal. bags	\$12.13	WEEKLY – 1-64 gal. cart or 2-30 gal. bags	\$11.35
RECYCLING	EVERY OTHER WEEK – 1-64 gal. cart single sort	\$3.11	WEEKLY – 1-64 gal. cart single sort (YELLOW LID)	\$4.10
TOTAL		\$15.24		\$15.45
ADDITIONAL INFO.	WASTE MANAGEMENT		L J P	
Contract Period	Three (3) years		Three (3) years	
Annual Increase	based on CPI, capped at 3%		(inc. ALL fuel, environmental charges, and cost of living) 2%	
Containers Provided	Yes		Yes	
Collection Day	Friday		Friday	
Holiday Schedule	Collection on Saturday		Collection on Saturday	
Extra Bag Charge	\$2.00		\$2.00	
St. Clair Days	3 – 6 yard dumpsters Free of Charge		Free of Charge	
Clean-Up Day	Service Available		Service Available	

The Council will review the proposals and further discuss the matter at the July 2nd Council meeting.

2. GOLF CART ORDINANCE – Blue Earth County Sheriff’s Deputy Tim Mohr will attend the July City Council meeting to further discuss the Golf Cart Ordinance with the City Council and to answer any questions the Council may have.
3. EMPLOYEE REVIEW FORM – A Special City Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 5th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss and develop an Employee Review Form.
4. RADIO READ WATER METERS – The Council will further discuss and make a decision regarding radio read water meters when all Council Members are in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business items were discussed.

REPORTS

The following reports were presented:

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. The Fire Chief met with an ISO representative regarding the fire rating for the St. Clair Fire Dept.
2. The Annual Fire Dept. Steak Fry will be Saturday, June 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. The Fire Dept. has responded to 46 calls in 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

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

1. Crack Sealing will be done as soon as weather permits.
2. Shingling has been completed on the pavilion and picnic shelter at Memorial Park.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following

1. The South Central Safety Committee (SCSC) met in Amboy on Thursday, May 16th. The training topic was CDL and Drugs and Alcohol.
2. City Wide Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 29th.
3. The annual Night to Unite is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th; information is available on the City website www.stclair.govoffice2.com.
4. Presentation of the 2012 Audit was scheduled for Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Cousins attended the May School Board meeting. Items discussed included the technology contract. The next School Board Meeting will be Monday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m.
2. Mayor Westphal reported on the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks meeting which was held in Amboy on Thursday, May 9th. A representative from Vine was the guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Karels, seconded by Cousins and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer