

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2013

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: No Members were absent. City Staff present: Mark Krenik, Public Works Supervisor; Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer; and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Gary Heinzig (Waste Management), and Ed Farforth (LJP), Connie Johns (St. Clair Public School Board Liaison), Marcella Glamm, Mary Miller, Ralph Buesing and Winnis Buesing.

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 June 13, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Weinandt, seconded by Council Member Cousins, and carried with all in favor. The invoices, bills, and vendor's claims for the month of June 2013 were approved with a motion by Council Member Karels, seconded by Council Member Phillips and carried with all in favor.

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 at the regular June City Council meeting. Proposals were received from Waste Management and LJP Waste and Recycling. The Council discussed the proposals. Both proposals included the implementation of single sort recycling with 64-gallon recycling carts. The price difference between the two (2) proposals was \$.20 per month per household (Waste Management \$15.24 per month; LJP \$15.45 per month). Waste Management proposed weekly garbage collection and every other week recycling collection. LJP proposed weekly collection for both garbage and recycling collection. The Council discussed weekly recycling collection vs. every other week recycling collection. A motion was made by Council Member Karels, seconded by Council Member Cousins to accept the proposal submitted by LJP Waste and Recycling (Option 2), for weekly garbage and recycling collection and single sort recycling. Motion carried with all in favor. Information regarding the change-over from Waste Management to LJP will be included in the City Newsletter and on the City website.
2. GOLF CART ORDINANCE – Blue Earth County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Mohr will attend the August City Council meeting to further discuss the Golf Cart Ordinance with the City Council.
3. RADIO READ WATER METERS – For several months the City Council has discussed and considered the purchase of radio read water meters. Representatives from Dakota Supply Group and Northern Water Works Supply have previously met with and submitted proposals to the Council for radio read water meters. Motion was made by Council Member Cousins, seconded by Council Member Weinandt to approve the purchase of radio read water meters from Dakota Supply Group, including the hand held reader, training, software, etc. Motion carried with Council Members Cousins, Weinandt, Phillips, and Westphal in favor and Council Member Karels opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

The following New Business items were discussed:

1. The Council previously discussed forming a City Sign Committee. The following persons were selected to serve on the Sign Committee: Jason Weinandt, Nancy Schleuter, Chris Cousins, Winnis Buesing, and Catherine Seys.

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 2014. Motion was made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Cousins to approve the request. Motion carried with Council Members Phillips, Cousins, Karels, and Westphal in favor and Council Member Weinandt abstaining.
2. The Fire Department has responded to 48 calls in 2013.
3. The Annual Fire Dept. Steak Fry was held on Saturday, June 22nd, over 400 steaks were served.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

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

1. Barga, Inc. is backed up with crack sealing projects due to the late spring and wet spring/summer. They will complete the crack sealing in St. Clair as their schedule permits.
2. Barga, Inc. patched the areas affected by water main breaks this winter.
3. The gable ends of the picnic shelter at Memorial Park will be sided.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following

1. The South Central Safety Committee (SCSC) will meet in Good Thunder on Thursday, July 18th. In addition to the training and meeting there will be a demonstration of the 'Hydrant Buddy'.
2. City Wide Clean-Up Day was held on Saturday, June 29th.
3. The annual Night to Unite is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th; information is available on the City website.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Weinandt attended the June School Board meeting. Mayor Westphal will attend the next School Board Meeting on Monday, July 22th.
2. Council Member Karels reported on St. Clair Day, he noted that a Carnival is being considered for 2014. It was also noted that many positive comments were received regarding the Fireworks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Buesing was present and commented during the Public Comment period.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Weinandt, seconded by Council Member Phillips and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer