

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 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, Jerry Phillips, Thomas Karels, Sr., and Chris Cousins. Council Members absent: Jason Weinandt. City Staff present: Mark Krenik, Public Works Supervisor; Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer; and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Randy Schindle and Troy Goettl.

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 July 2, 2013 (7:00 p.m.) Regular City Council Meeting and the July 2, 2013 (6:30 p.m.) Public Hearing (Ecumen) were approved with a motion by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Karels, and carried with all in favor. The invoices, bills, and vendor's claims for the month of July 2013 were approved with a motion by Council Member Cousins, seconded by Council Member Phillips and carried with all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS – The following Old Business items were discussed:

1. ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE (ATV), MINI-TRUCK, AND MOTORIZED GOLF CART ORDINANCE – Blue Earth County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Mohr was unable to attend the meeting this evening but he reviewed the proposed ordinance and submitted a memo to the Council with his comments and recommendations. The Council reviewed a memo and directed the City Clerk-Treasurer to incorporate Deputy Mohr's recommendations into the proposed ordinance and application.
2. ECUMEN CONDUIT FINANCING – Mayor Westphal and City Clerk-Treasurer Seys met with Ben Johnson, Kennedy and Graven, and signed the necessary documents on Monday, July 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

1. REGULAR SEPTEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Motion by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Karels, that due to a number of Council Member conflicts the first and second week in September, the regular September City Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 7:00 p.m. A City Council Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 29th at 6:30 p.m. to review and discuss the 2014 Preliminary Budget and Levy. The motion carried with all in favor.
2. GARBAGE and RECYCLING RATES – At the Regular July City Council meeting the Council approved the proposal submitted by LJP Waste and Recycle for residential garbage and recycling collection services. Motion by Council Member Karels, seconded by Council Member Phillips to increase the garbage and recycling rates as follows:

SERVICE	CURRENT RATE	NEW RATE
GARBAGE	\$11.50 (+ tax)	\$11.75 (+ tax)
RECYCLING	\$3.00	\$4.25

Motion carried with all in favor.

3. ST. CLAIR RECYCLED AUTO PARTS PROPERTY – Randy Schindle was present to discuss the status of the St. Clair Recycled Auto Parts property. It was noted that the fence has been removed, most of the cars have been removed, and some clean-up has been done but there is a considerable amount of clean-up that remains to be done on the property. The St. Clair School has expressed interest in the property but a number of issues have come up and negotiations for purchase of the property have been tabled. Mr. Schindle noted that there may be an avenue for clean-up funding through the MN Pollution Control Agency VIC Program. St. Clair School Superintendent Tom Bruels will be contacted regarding the possible clean-up funding.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. The chassis for the new fire truck should be complete any day.
2. The Fire Department has responded to 58 calls in 2013.

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. The radio read water meters have been ordered from Dakota Supply Group (DSG) and installation of the meters has been scheduled for mid-September. Installation will be done by Midwest Testing.
3. Mr. Krenik replaced the siding on the gable ends of the picnic shelter at Memorial Park with cedar lap siding and requested reimbursement for the materials. Reimbursement in the amount of \$300.00 was approved.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following

1. The South Central Safety Committee (SCSC) met in Good Thunder on Thursday, July 18th. In addition to the training and meeting there was a demonstration of the 'Hydrant Buddy'. St. Clair will host the next Safety Committee training and meeting on Thursday, September 19th.
2. The annual Night to Unite is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Mayor Westphal attended the July 22nd School Board meeting. Council Member Phillips will attend the next School Board Meeting.
2. Council Member Cousins attended and reported on the League of MN Cities Improving Service Delivery meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – There were no comments from the public during this portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Cousins, seconded by Council Member Karels and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer