

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Douglas Westphal at 7:02 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: Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Krenik, Public Works Supervisor and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Connie Johns (St. Clair School Board Liaison), Jim Beshey and Sharon Juliar.

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 May 06, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were approved with a motion by Council Member Karels, seconded by Council Member Weinandt, and carried with all in favor. The invoices, bills, and vendor's claims for the month of May 2014 were approved with a motion by Council Member Weinandt, seconded by Council Member Cousins and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

1. RADIO LINK INTERNET – Daniel Petsinger from Radio Link Internet was not present and has not contacted the City since the April 1st City Council meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer Seys will contact Mr. Petsinger regarding the status of the Radio Link Internet proposal/agreement.
2. CITY HALL KITCHEN REMODEL PROJECT UPDATE – The much needed kitchen remodel project has been completed. Mayor Westphal and the City Council expressed their appreciation to all those involved in the planning, implementing and completing of the project ... *THANK YOU for a job well done!*
3. INSULATING CITY HALL MEETING ROOM CEILING – Insulating the area above the false ceiling in the City Hall meeting room, kitchen, office and restrooms was discussed. Public Works Supervisor Mark Krenik will contact Hendley's for an estimate.
4. PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE – The new playground equipment for Memorial Park has been ordered from Miracle Recreation Equipment (as approved at the May 06, 2014 City Council meeting). Options for installation of the equipment were discussed.
 - Option 1: Complete Installation \$14,950.00 (including labor, concrete and complete construction).
 - Option 2: Partial Installation \$11,500.00 (the City would provide labor ... 2 shifts per day for 3 full days to help with installation).

A motion was made by Council Member Cousins, seconded by Council Member Weinandt to approve Option 1 (Complete Installation) at a cost of \$14,950.00. Motion carried with all in favor. The playground equipment delivery is scheduled for the week of June 16th. Installation will also be scheduled for the week of June 16th.

5. PLAYGROUND DEDICATION – A dedication of the new playground is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 21st at approx. 9:00 a.m. (following the St. Clair Days 5-K Fun Run and 1-Mile Kids Race).

NEW BUSINESS – The following New Business items were discussed:

1. STORM WATER DRAINAGE CONCERNS – Jim Beshey (304 Co.Rd. 28 South) was present to discuss and explained storm water drainage concerns relating to his property and neighboring properties. Mr. Beshey stated that he has met with Public Works Supervisor Mark Krenik regarding his concerns. Mr. Beshey stated that he moved to St. Clair in 2006, but noted that the storm water drainage problems seem to be worse since the 2010 flood. Mr. Beshey explained that after a recent 3” rain his sump pump ran every 15 seconds for 3 days. Mr. Beshey explained that there are three (3) intakes located in his neighborhood along the former railroad property (the back yard properties between Mill Street, Co.Rd. 28 South and Willow Lane). Mr. Beshey noted that he as contacted many of his neighbors to discuss the storm water issues. He has also cleaned out the intakes; he has also cleared obstructions in the wooded area in the neighborhood to allow storm water to flow more freely. Mr. Beshey further noted that after cleaning one of the intakes he poured water into it, but the intake is plugged and the water just sat there. Mayor Westphal noted that the there isn't any City storm sewer in Mr. Beshey's neighborhood and that the intakes located in that area were apparently put in privately by previous property owners. Public Works Supervisor Krenik clarified that the intakes Mr. Beshey is referring to are not connected to nor do they dump into the City storm sewer. It was noted that a City storm sewer is located near Co.Rd. 28 South and Church Street and proceeds north along Co.Rd. 28 South to Front Street East. Mayor Westphal reiterated that the inlets are not part of the City storm sewer system and further noted that the City doesn't have any easements in the area. The Council suggested that some of the property owners in the area could get together and share the cost of having a jetter service clean out the inlets. Mr. Beshey thanked the Council and noted that he wanted to make the Council aware of his concerns.
2. NUISANCE PROPERTIES – The City has received numerous complaints regarding various nuisance/unkept properties in the City. Clerk-Treasurer Seys will discuss these properties and the City Nuisance Ordinance with the City Attorney.
3. LAW ENFORCEMENT – Clerk-Treasurer Seys will contact the Sheriff's Dept. regarding concerns expressed relating to vehicles speeding in the City, especially on Co.Rd. 28 South.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. Fire Chief Fitzloff will contact Forstner Fire Apparatus regarding the status of the new fire truck and other fire truck maintenance requests.
2. The Fire Dept. has responded to 62 calls to date in 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Supervisor Mark Krenik reported on the following:

1. Public Works Supervisor Krenik has experienced problems with the RAS pump at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The pump was rebuilt in 2007 and again in 2009. There are currently 120,000 hours on the pump. The pump is in need of a new impeller, seals and bearings. Cost of the repairs is estimated at \$3,800.00. Due to the number of hours on the pump, the estimated cost of the

repairs and the fact that the pump has already been rebuilt twice, Public Works Supervisor Krenik ordered a new pump from Quality Flow Systems at a cost of \$5,400.00.

2. Public Works Supervisor Krenik has contacted Leon's Custom Backhoe and DMI to install the valve for the effluent discharge at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
3. The Public Works Dept. has painted the pavilion dining room area at Memorial Park. Public Works Supervisor Krenik will get an estimate from Hendley's for a grid-system ceiling for the room.
4. Bargain, Inc. was in town today doing the street patching of the water main break areas.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. Clerk-Treasurer Seys will have a Rental Ordinance for Council review at the July Council Meeting.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Mayor Westphal attended the May School Board Meeting. Council Member Karels will attend the next School Board meeting being held on Monday, June 23rd at 6:30 p.m.
2. Mayor Westphal attended the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks meeting on Thursday, May 8th in Skyline. The speaker for the evening was Emily Javens, Supervisor for the Blue Earth County Soil and Water Conservation District.

JULY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Due to conflicts during the first week in July, the Regular July City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Clair City Hall Meeting Room.

THANK YOU DEE and LAURIE! – Mayor Westphal and the City Council Members extend their appreciation to Dee Smestad and Laurie Thorstad for planting, watering and caring for the beautiful flowers in the downtown area.

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

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Cousins, seconded by Council Member Weinandt and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer