

CITY OF ST. CLAIR
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 06, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marvin More 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 More, Jason Weinandt, Cindy Glamm, Duke Arndt and Randy Thompson. Council Members absent: No Members were absent. City Staff present: Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer, Thad Baker, Public Works Supervisor and Bill Fitzloff, Fire Chief. Others present: Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) and Nancy Thompson (St. Clair School Board Liaison).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Mayor More welcomed all visitors and guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES AND BILLS

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Weinandt and approved with all in favor.

The minutes of February 07, 2018 Regular Council Meeting was approved with a motion by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Glamm and carried with all in favor.

The invoices and bills for the month of February 2018 were approved with a motion by Council Member Thompson, seconded by Council Member Glamm and carried with all in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – The following Unfinished Business items were discussed:

BERM/FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT – Jeff Domras (Bolton and Menk) was present and discussed the Flood (Berm) Mitigation Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (raising the berm with sheet pilings). The bid opening on the project scheduled for Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 10:00 am was cancelled because the FEMA review had not been completed. Mr. Domras wants to make sure that the FEMA review is completed and funds are obligated before proceeding.

Portable vs. permanent flood protection at the Park Street North Lift Station was briefly discussed, noting that FEMA has approved the plans for the permanent flood protection option.

Mr. Domras discussed bidding several items on the Berm Mitigation Project as alternates including: 1) the sheet piling top cap plate, 2) the discharge pump assembly and concrete spillway, and 3) the coating system for the sheet pilings.

A new (tentative) bid opening date has been scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 10:00 am, based on receipt of the FEMA review and obligation of funds.

NEW BUSINESS – No New Business items were discussed.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Bill Fitzloff reported on the following:

1. The Fire Dept. is the recipient of a \$2,500 Monsanto Grant.
2. The Annual Firefighters Dance will be held on Saturday, April 7th with the Eagle Lake and Madison Lake Fire Dept. The dance will be held at the Eagle Lake American Legion.

3. The Fire Dept. Shop Phone will be discontinued.
4. The Fire Dept. Officers have interviewed two (2) applicants (Chris Arkell and Jacob Thissen) and recommend hiring them for the Fire Dept. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Arndt to approve hiring Chris Arkell and Jacob Thissen to the St. Clair Fire Dept. Motion carried with all in favor.
5. South Central College First Responder Refresher Training will be held at the St. Clair Fire Hall on March 19, 21, 26 and 28.
6. The Turn-Out Gear Committee had one meeting and has met with two (2) different turn-out gear vendors. The Committee will continue to research turn-out gear and turn-out gear washing machines.
7. Two (2) Fire Dept. Members attended the Fire School at South Central College the weekend of March 3rd and 4th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. REPORT

Public Works Dept. Supervisor Thad Baker reported on the following:

1. The new City truck (on order from Harry Brown in Faribault) will be ready for pick-up next week (week of March 12th).
2. New batteries were purchased and installed in the John Deere payloader.
3. The cutting edges on the payloader and the truck plow were replaced.
4. A pump (to be used at the Park Street North Lift Station during flood events) previously approved by FEMA was discussed. Motion by Council Member Glamm, seconded by Council Member Weinandt to proceed with the purchase of the pump. Motion carried with all in favor.

CITY CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT

City Clerk-Treasurer Catherine Seys reported on the following:

1. A Special Election for MN House of Representatives District 23B was held on Monday, February 12, 2018. 102 votes were cast in the City of St. Clair for the Special Election.
2. The City of St. Clair will be hosting the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks Meeting on Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the St. Clair City Hall Meeting Room.
3. The Public Works employees and the City Clerk-Treasurer will attend the annual Safety Training on Wednesday, May 15th at the Eagle Lake City Hall.
4. City Wide Clean-Up Day has been scheduled with LJP Waste and Recycle for Saturday, May 5th. It was noted that LJP will not be increasing the cost for appliance and electronic tags. Clean-Up Day details are posted on the City website and will be included with the next City Newsletter.
5. The Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks have been working to develop the 'Blue Earth County Childcare Forgivable Loan Program'. Clerk-Treasurer Seys and Administrator Woodruff (Mapleton) have worked on the program application and guidelines, which have been forwarded to Blue Earth County Administrator Bob Meyer for review.

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

1. Council Member Glamm attended the February 19th School Board Meeting. Council Member Thompson will attend the March 19th School Board meeting.
2. Mayor More and Clerk-Treasurer Seys attended the February 8th meeting of the Blue Earth County Mayors and Clerks. The meeting was hosted by the City of Mapleton. The speaker for the evening was Blue Earth County Attorney Pat McDermott. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8th with the City of Eagle Lake hosting.

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

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Arndt seconded by Council Member Glamm and carried with all in favor.

Catherine Seys, City Clerk-Treasurer