

MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY JULY 18 2012 - 6:00 P.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Hagen. Roll Call was taken and the following members were found to be present: Mayor Hagen, Council Members: Bill Becker, Jeff Howe, Jerry Schmitt, Don Simon, Randy Volkmuth and Duane Willenbring. Absent: None.

Staff members present were: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber & Public Works Director Rick Hansen.

Others Present were: Tудie Hermanutz, Dave Blommel, Joyce O’Hara, & Sgt. Dan Winkels.

OPEN FORUM – Joyce O’Hara 8413 White Oak Road stated that she is representing the Pleasant Lake Highlands area. She was first sent to Pam McBroom, then Randy Volkmuth, and now here. She and other neighbors are concerned that fireworks are being shot off in the park and the ashes are landing on their homes. In addition people have been told that they can’t be in their back yards during the event. Can this be moved somewhere else where it is safe?

Member Volkmuth reported that they used to shoot off fireworks at Voigt’s point.

Member Becker indicated that this was changed when they could not get emergency vehicles to the site. He remembers that the fireworks company took measurements when the site was moved.

Member Howe stated that the size of mortars determines how far they have to be away from any building so if they increase the size they have to increase the distance.

Member Volkmuth asked what if this was to be done on private land i.e. his house by a licensed operator.

Member Becker stated that there has to be a certain distance like 150’+ from your house so you still won’t make the distance.

Mayor Hagen indicated that there must have been some miscommunication between the new company and the association.

Member Volkmuth asked what does the Association need to make this work for the Fire Department? Don Simon indicated the Fire Department has equipment that can be used.

Member Howe stated the Association needs a game plan with a map showing the site and the distances to each structure.

It was determined that the Pleasant Lake Homeowner’s Assn. needs to look at another site, have better communication with property owners, and identify a game plan.

Staff will send something in writing to Pam McBroom.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Member Willenbring, second by Member Volkmuth, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a) **Approve minutes of 06/20/12**
- b) **Approve Treasurer’s Report of 07/18/12**
- c) **Approve List of Bills and Additions of 07/18/12**

Accounts Payable Check #013814 to 013882	\$594,842.77
Payroll Check #004247 to 004274	15,379.15
EFT #000642 to 000650	7,591.58

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

BOARD/STAFF REPORT

POLICE DEPARTMENT– Sgt. Dan Winkels reported that there was 38 contract hours during the month of June and cited the activity encountered.

Rena Weber asked why 6 officers were in town Saturday, July 14th. This was the same day as St. Martin’s festival and it was thought that some of participants would be coming to Rockville.

Member Simon asked what time juveniles are supposed to be off the street. It was determined that the curfew is 10 p.m. A reminder will be put in the next newsletter.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR – Mayor Hagen reported that during Rock Fest a lot of people complained that the street sweeper went through before the parade was done. Member Willenbring will bring this information back to the committee.

Member Howe voiced concern that the colors did not lead the parade.

PUBLIC WORKS – Chair Simon reported that the group had met just this evening:
GRANITE TOPS WATER/SEWER - Kip Cameron requested approval to hook up to the east of his property through the utility/drainage easement. Kip's new building does not require a water/sewer hookup according to the building official due to the type of use. This has been verified. Rick Hansen provided a copy of the map.

Refer to Engineer Dave Blommel's email

"I took a quick look at the elevations from the big building closest to the east property line. It seems that the biggest problem would be crossing the ditch between Granite Tops and the business park lots. Running at the minimum grade for a 6" service line, we would be looking at less than 3' of cover between a gravity 6" service line and the ditch bottom. Long story short, it could work grade wise, but the need to insulate that pipe and cut into the cul-de-sac might make it cost prohibitive.

Any thoughts on a grinder station and have them drill a small diameter forcemain to their existing service?"

Discussed: It is a shorter distance, but there is a concern of potential freezing – water/sewer line breaks. This would be totally at Kip's expense.

Public Works Committee motioned to recommend this approval pending the engineer approval, and further that Kip is responsible for maintenance and all is at his expense.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Mayor Hagen, to approve the request to hook both water and sewer to the rear building pending city engineer approval, and further that all costs of installation/maintenance are the responsibility of Kip Cameron or future owners.

AYES: Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring

NAYS: Becker

Motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote.

2013 COUNTY ROAD 8 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Rena Weber reported on the project:

- Rural design Vs Urban – County pays from back of curb to back of curb.
- Bike path – if approved would not be called that – just a 6' to 8' paved shoulder.
- City would pay for landscaping driveways or if we have to purchase any ROW.
- Water/Sewer extension – this is a council decision that will require some engineering.
- Caroline Lane – not sure if it is dedicated as such, but water does pond here so the County proposes to run storm water to a drainage pond in Rockville Softball Park.

Public Works Committee motioned to recommend the council look into extending the Water/sewer to loop the lines and also approve the storm water pond at the park.

Mayor Hagen indicated that some of the residents are not going to want to hook up to city services and suggested an informational meeting be held first.

Motion by Member Howe, second by Member Simon, to authorize a written report from the city engineer as to the cost and feasibility of extending water/sewer as part of the County Road 8 Improvement project.

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

Motion by Member Howe, second by Member Willenbring, to approve plans for a 6' to 8' paved shoulder bike/walking path.

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

NO PARKING ALONG PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 82– It was reported that there is a safety issue with cars parking on both sides of County Road 82 during ball games. Children seeking to get reimbursed for picking up balls would run onto the county road without looking. Public Works Committee recommends the Council approve a resolution that would prohibit parking on both sides of County Road 82 by the park.

Member Becker introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-16

RESOLUTION REQUESTING NO PARKING SIGNS TO BE INSTALLED ALONG COUNTY ROAD 82 IN THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE

WHEREAS, County Road 82 is located in the City of Rockville, but is under the jurisdiction of Stearns County, and;

WHEREAS, There is a concern regarding safety, and;

WHEREAS, Installation of No Parking signs may help the situation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rockville, Stearns County, Minnesota.

1. The City Council hereby requests that No Parking signs be placed on both sides of County Road 82 from the intersection of County Road 8 east 400 feet (abutting Rockville Softball Park) in the City of Rockville.

The motion for the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Willenbring, with the following vote being taken.

AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring

Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

WELL #3 INSPECTION – FINAL COSTS - Rick Hansen reported on the following:

\$1600 under budget – VFD went out at this time.

Please approve the purchase of a new variable frequency drive (VFD) for well 3. The one that is currently installed for well 3 no longer works; everyone I have talked to doesn't know anything nor can find any information about our current Omron VFD. We are requesting to purchase a Danfoss VFD, this is a well known manufacture and our control people are very familiar with this equipment. I receive two quotes for this.

- Werner Well \$3456.50 with an additional expense to have an electrician install.
- Preferred Controls Corp. \$3575.00 includes complete installation.

The difference between the two quotes is \$118.50 we will more than likely spend more than this on an electrician to install the first quote. Both companies would be installing a Danfoss VFD.

The rehab of well 3 came in \$1600.00 under estimate.

Stearns Electric will send us a rebate of \$750.00 for installing this VFD.

Funding:

\$1600.00 remaining well 3 rehab

\$ 750.00 Stearns Electric rebate

\$1225.00 from 2012 Designated Fund E601-49440-540 (\$8000.00.00 in fund)

Total \$3575.00

Budget Amendment ADD \$1225.00 TO E 601-49440-540

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G 601-25365		\$1225.00
G 601-25300	\$1225.00	

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Becker, to accept the quote of Preferred Controls as they have a journeyman electrician installing it who is covered by insurance as recommended by the Public Works Committee.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

HUBERT LANE CULVERT ISSUE--11089 Hubert Lane

Rick Hansen presented pictures of the culvert at Hubert Lane/Dennis Johannes lot where the water runs over the road due to the collapsed culvert. Water runs from the Bloch field. It was determined that Rick would investigate this further with Clarence Bloch to determine if there is an easier way to correct the problem. No action was taken.

LION'S PARK WALKING PATH – Member Volkmuth reported that equipment has been running over the path creating ripples – watch that.

MINIMUM MAINTENANCE ROAD – 23047 County Road 8 - Member Howe reported that Herb Schlangen contacted him regarding a problem with people stealing from him as the minimum maintenance road allows people to cross between County Road 8 and County Road 140. Member Howe does not want to close the road and then have to purchase it in the future.

Member Simon indicated that this is a crop road and a gate is shut anytime the irrigation system is turned on.

Member Willenbring reported that it is designated as a minimum maintenance road.

Mayor Hagen suggested we let him put up a gate on his side, at his expense, and place proper signage.

Rick Hansen reported this is not plowed in the winter so it does not get used then; however, there are people who do use it.

Motion by Mayor Hagen, second by Member Willenbring, to allow Herb Schlangen permission to come to the city council with a proposal.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

RTCB – Rena Weber reported that the RTCB is seeking approval to use \$3,000 to \$5,000 from the Stearns County funds to update the engineering study for Phase II of the Rocori Trail project. Member Willenbring reported that this is where the bottle neck is and Cold Spring is asking that the tracks remain in place here to accommodate possible businesses in the East side industrial park in Cold Spring. He feels that we should rethink this and look into securing funding for Phase 3 instead.

Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Willenbring, to voice the wishes of the Rockville City Council to look to funding Phase 3 instead of Phase 2.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

ADMINISTRATOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

LMC recognition of Sen. John Pederson – Legislators of Distinction – Rena Weber reported that a letter recognizing Senator John Pederson as Legislator of Distinction was sent by the LMC. Rena wanted to also thank Senator Pederson for what he has done for the Rocori Trail.

Motion by Member Willenbring, second by Member Volkmuth, to include the City of Rockville as one of the cities recognizing Senator John Pederson as a Legislator of Distinction for 2012.

***AYES: Becker, Hagen, Howe, Schmitt, Simon, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.***

MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION FOR FIRE RELIEF – Rena Weber reported the 2013 contribution will be \$22,614 which is up from \$18,139 for 2012.

SAUK RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT – Rena Weber reported that she applied for an exemption from permitting standards with Sauk River Watershed District and we were turned down. She will be meeting with Chelle Benson on setting up a meeting to settle this issue as it means double permitting for our residents.

5th MONDAY MEETING – Included in the packets is the agenda to the next 5th Monday meeting to be held at Rocori School Board meeting room on 7/30/12 – 6:30 p.m. instead of 8 p.m.

OPEN FORUM – No one appeared.

Member Willenbring wanted to add to the discussion where the Administrator/Clerk suggested the Finance Committee look into who pays for water at city hall, fire hall, maintenance, and parks and that when the merger came along there was no change. To be fair should the whole city pay for water used at these facilities where all residents benefit, not just those on city water?

ADJOURNMENT – *Motion by Member Becker, second by Mayor Hagen, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

**VERENA M. WEBER- CMC
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK**

**JEFF HAGEN
MAYOR**

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