

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2011
7:00 P.M.
ROYALTON CITY CENTER

Call to Order/Attendance

Mayor Lauer called the Regular City Council meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was said. On roll call members present were: Lauer, Libke, Doty, Haberman and Verley.

People present: Terry Lehrke, Morrison County Record; Tim Majaski, Planning & Zoning; Adam Gunderson, Police Chief; Dan Nelson, Jason Sachs and John Adams from Midcontinent Communications; Bruce Retka and Paul Zimny, Tree Board; and Carol Madsen, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Minutes/Agenda

Haberman moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting on October 4, 2011, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Lauer added one discussion item and one action item to the agenda.

Public Forum

None

Department Reports

Public Works – General report given.

City Office - General report given

Police Department - General report given.

1st Response – No report submitted.

Fire Department - No report submitted.

Midcontinent Communications

Dan Nelson, Director of Government Affairs for Midcontinent Communications, discussed the transition and buy out of US Cable. He acknowledged the issues that the residents had with the switch over and apologized for any problems and offered resources to help with any future issues.

Fire Relief Association

RFD Relief Association, requested the annual contribution of \$2500.00 from the City. Since the City overpaid the Relief Association by \$1000.00 for State Retirement Aid in 2010, Libke moved to approve a \$1500.00 contribution to the Relief Association for 2011, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Tree Board

Paul Zimny, Tree Board, requested approval to build a gravel bed either at the water tower site or the cold storage building site. Mr. Zimny also gave an update on the tree inventory project and reported the Tree Board is working on a Community Forest Bonding Grant through the DNR. This grant would be used for trees at the elementary school playground. Verley Moved to allow the Tree Board to choose the site for the gravel bed, along with the City Engineer, Les Mateffy and the Public Works Dept., 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Gold Cross Ambulance

Paul McIntyre, Gold Cross Ambulance, reviewed statistics for the Royalton area. After some discussion, Haberman moved to allow Gold Cross Ambulance employees to use the front office of the police department as a station, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-1-11-1

Haberman moved to adopt Resolution 11-1-11-1, A Resolution Adopting Assessments for Unpaid Utility Charges and Certifying them to the County, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Flex Plan Renewal

Libke moved to approve the Addendum to the Cafeteria Plan Adoption Agreement, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Verley moved to approve the Flex Plan Re-enrollment with eflexFSA, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

USDA Assurance Agreement

Haberman moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Assurance Agreement for USDA, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Snow Removal Policy – Proposed

Haberman moved to adopt the proposed Snow Removal Policy, with the addition of referencing Ord. #3 in Section VII, effective immediately, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Industrial Park Policy – Proposed

Doty moved to adopt the proposed Industrial Park Policy, effective immediately, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Test Well Update

Mayor Lauer reported that another possible test well site has been located. It is on the James Heinen property at 420 North Birch Street. Libke moved to have the city engineer pursue an appraisal and have a purchase agreement written up for the Heinen property at 420 North Birch Street for 1.329 acres and have Mateffy Engineering continue to evaluate any other option, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning

Tim Majaski, Planning & Zoning Chairman, reported the commission is working on the Zoning and Cable Ordinances.

Added Agenda Items

Mayor Lauer reported that the solar panels will be installed on the City Hall roof the week of Nov. 7, 2011 and will take approximately 10 days to install.

Mayor Lauer reported the City has an opportunity to apply for an Election Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities Grant to help upgrade the City Hall front doors with a handicap open button. Haberman moved to authorize Mayor Lauer to apply for the grant, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Bills

Verley moved to pay all bills; voucher no.'s 30535 – 30588 in the amount of \$48,803.79, 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Libke moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m., 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.