

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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, Haberman and Verley. Absent: Klosowski

People present: Liz Verley, Morrison County Record; Tim Majaski, Planning and Zoning; Adam Gunderson, Police Chief; Bruce Retka, Tree Board; Michelle Stevens, Deputy Clerk; and Carol Madsen, City Clerk.

Minutes/Agenda

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

Verley moved to approve the minutes from the Special City Council planning meeting, January 18, 2011, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Libke added two discussion items to the agenda.

Public Forum

Bruce Retka, tree board, reported that a diseased tree at 12 No. First Street needs to be removed. He has spoken with the homeowner, Margie Fuchs, and gave her a deadline of Feb. 15, 2011 to have it removed. Libke moved to get estimates on the removal of the diseased tree on the Fuchs property at 12 No. First Street, and if Ms. Fuchs does not have it removed by Feb. 15, 2011 the City will have it removed, and bill her for it, 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Department Reports

City Office

Public Works.

Police Department

Police Chief Gunderson reported on the donation of inflatable recreational equipment from MetroConnections.

Police Chief Gunderson reported on the Performance Review of Thomas Franklin, part time officer. Verley moved to accept Franklin's performance review and increase his pay to \$15.08/hour, retroactive to Feb. 1, 2011, 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Thank You

Mayor Lauer thanked the American Legion for the Flag donation for Memorial Park.

Solar Panels Grant

Mayor Lauer reported the City has been accepted to receive the OES Renewable Energy Grant. Lauer reviewed the city obligations for the Grant. Haberman moved to approve the new date of the grant to be Feb. 15, 2011, the financing document, and the lease agreement pending approval of attorney, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Lift Station #4

No new information.

Ordinance #4 – Tobacco

Tim Majaski reviewed the changes to the Ordinance. No public comment. Verley moved to adopt the amendments to Ordinance #4, as presented, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

City Website

Haberman requested the city receive multiple bids for a new City Website and from a more local company.

Donation Request

Horizon Health Faith in Action has requested a \$250.00 donation. No action was taken.

Conferences/Workshops

The 2011 Leadership Conference for Newly Elected Officials was discussed. Newly Elected Official Haberman is not able to attend.

The 2011 Leadership Conference for Experience Officials was discussed. No one can attend.

The 2011 Safety & Loss Control Workshop was discussed. Verley moved to approve up to three (3) people to attend the workshop at a cost of \$20 per person, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Industrial Park

Lauer spoke with Carol Anderson, Morrison County Community Development. Anderson's idea for promoting the Industrial Park is to offer free land if the business creates 10 jobs, then the City can TIF (Tax Increment Finance) the property to help pay for the infrastructure. It was decided to contact Carol Anderson and have her attend the March or April City Council meeting.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2005 - 2015

As part of the Comp Plans implementation it is to be reviewed every five (5) years. The Mayor's proposed revisions to the Comp Plan were reviewed. The Council turned it over to the Planning & Zoning Commission for further recommendations.

Clean Up Day

Verley moved to set the Clean Up Day for April 30, 2011, 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning

2011 Officers: Tim Majaski – Chairperson
Lori Kowalczyk – Vice Chairperson
Secretary – Lee Obermiller

Libke moved to approve the 2011 Officers for the Planning & Zoning, as presented, 2nd by Lauer. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 31 - Tim Majaski, Planning & Zoning Chairperson, reviewed the proposed summary of changes to Ordinance #31. Libke moved to approve the summary of changes to Ordinance #31, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

116 No. Birch Street - Property of Bruce Schwartz. Due to a fire the house needs to be demolished because of fire and is now proposing a health hazard because of rodents. The City Clerk was directed to contact the City Attorney to see how to proceed.

Agenda Additions

Libke – Reported City Clerk Madsen will be on vacation from Feb. 26, 2011 through March 13, 2011.

Libke – Reported the Bellevue Township Fire Audit will be Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2011

Bills

Libke moved to pay all bills, voucher no.'s 30100 – 30153, in the amount of \$143,943.07, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Libke moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer