

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 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: Patrick Slack, Morrison County Record; Tim Majaski, Planning & Zoning; Adam Gunderson, Police Chief; Spencer Randall; Jon Ellerbusch, School Superintendent; Tom Justin, School Board Member; Dale Lenz, School Board Member; Jim Block, School Board; Scott Walberg; Ron Stumpf; and Carol Madsen, City Clerk/Treasurer.

Minutes/Agenda

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

Libke added one discussion item.

Public Forum

None

Royalton School District

Dr. Jon Ellerbusch, School Superintendent, reviewed information on the upcoming school referendum.

Dr. Jon Ellerbusch, School Superintendent and Tom Justin, School Board Member discussed the water run-off for the new parking lot on the south side of the elementary school located at 316 N First St. The Council directed them to Planning & Zoning.

Department Reports

Public Works – General report given.

Police Department - General report given. Libke moved to approve the performance pay increase for Police Chief, Adam Gunderson from \$22.29 to \$23.19, effective March 7, 2011, 2nd by Lauer. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

City Office - General report given. Haberman moved to approve Deputy Clerk, Michelle Stevens to work up to 40 hours per week, until the new website is up and running, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

1st Response – No report submitted. Haberman moved to approve Ben Pekarek and Dom Wimer, as members on the 1st Response Team, contingent on physical, back ground check, and completion of training, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Fire Department - No report submitted.

Fire Relief Association

Libke moved to increase the annual benefit for the Firemen's Relief Association retirement from \$975.00 to \$1,025.00 per year of service, 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Animal Permit

Haberman moved to approve the animal permit for Spencer Randall at 622 Cherry Lane for eight Rabbits until June 15, 2012, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with Lauer, Verley, Doty and Haberman voting aye, Libke voting nay. Motion carried.

LMC Regional Meeting

Mayor Lauer reminded the Council that the City is hosting a LMC Regional meeting on September 21, 2011 at the American Legion.

Thursday Work Hours

The Council reviewed the Thursday hours of the City Office. City Clerk, Madsen, reported that the hours from 4:00 to 6:00 are not being used by the public. Verley moved to approve changing the Thursday work hours from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm to 8:00 am to – 4:00 pm, 2nd Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Closing City Office on Sept. 21, 2011

Haberman moved to close the City office the afternoon of September 21, 2011 so the city staff can attend and assist with the LMC Regional meeting at the American Legion, with proper posting, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

2012 Proposed Budget & Levy

Doty moved to adopt Resolution 9-6-11-1, a resolution approving the proposed 2012 tax levy of \$219,978.00 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Libke moved to adopt Resolution 9-6-11-2, a resolution approving the proposed 2012 budget with Revenues of \$958,084.00 and Expenses of \$950,260.00, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Haberman moved to hold the public meeting for the 2012 proposed budget on December 6, 2011 at 7:15 p.m. at the Regular City Council meeting, 2nd by Doty. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Board of Review Training

Mayor Lauer reminded the Council of the Local Board of Review training set for September 22, 2012 at the Morrison County Courthouse.

Reschedule November 8, 2012 Council Meeting

Haberman moved to reschedule the November 8, 2011 Regular City Council meeting to November 1, 2011, due to the School District Referendum, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Yellow Ribbon Program

Haberman moved to adopt Resolution 9-6-11-3, a Resolution supporting the Yellow Ribbon program, 2nd by Libke. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

City Attorney

Council Member Doty reported on the Proposal's received for a City Attorney. After reviewing the proposals, Lauer and Doty held a very successful interview with Toni Wetzel from Wetzel Law Firm. Upon the recommendation of Lauer and Doty, Doty moved to appoint Antoinette Wetzel of Wetzel Law Firm as the City Attorney, effective immediately, with the fee schedule included in her proposal, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Test Well Location

Mayor Lauer reported the City has a grant for \$10,000 to do a test well. The test well location is being proposed on the Roman Cichon property in the Northeast corner of the City. Libke moved to solicit quotes for the test well drilling, 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

North 3rd Street

Mayor Lauer will contact the City Engineer, Les Mateffy to get another estimate for curb only along North 3rd Street.

Planning & Zoning

Tim Majaski, Planning & Zoning Chairman, reviewed the proposed Noise Ordinance #40 amendments. Libke moved to hold a public meeting for the proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 40, on October 4, 2011 at 7:15 pm, 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Added Agenda Items

Libke reported the shelter at the Splash Park is almost complete and encouraged everyone to stop in and look at it.

Bills

Verley moved to pay all bills, voucher no.'s 30432– 30483 in the amount of \$33,561.36, 2nd by Haberman. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Libke moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m., 2nd by Verley. Put to a vote with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Carol Madsen, Clerk/Treasurer