



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 12, 2014 / 6:00 pm

- **CALL TO ORDER:** at 6:03pm
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Completed
- **ROLL CALL:** Martell, Vetch, Lonkoski, Fordahl, Scholze
- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA:** None

1. Consent Agenda:

All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

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| 1.1 | Minutes: | January 7, 2013, PC: 01-14-2014 |
| 1.2 | Bills Payable Through: | January 31, 2014 |
| 1.3 | Consolidated Balance Sheet: | February 3, 2014 |
| 1.4 | HFD Temp. Alcohol & Gambling 3-15, 8-29 thru 31 2014 | |

Motion to consent by Martell – seconded by Fordahl – all in favor
Martell, Vetch, Lonkoski, Fordahl, Scholze

2. Water/Waste Water/City Engineer :

Chris Oliver – 4 residential water lines have frozen, The City recommends you leave water run, pencil size drip. The responsible party is in question as to cost of water line freezing, historically, city is responsible to the curb stop, from that point in is the homeowners responsibility.
Temporary rate adjustment form for residents to fill out on a month by month basis to give them a break for running the water due to the cold. All Council members agree this is a good idea.
2 bids for polyphosphate. Need time to investigate.
Not sure when reservoirs were last cleaned – is recommended every 3 – 5 years. Vote needed to have cleaned. Chris will get another bid for the cleaning.
Bobcat trade-in discussed, lease program discussed – once decision is made, need a month to get the new bobcat. Cost to replace tires on current bobcat discussed.

3. Library :

Fordahl reports receiving e-mail from Barb - projected revenue is \$14, 619.
Expenses - \$42,450.93 remaining.
Chili and hot dish cook off is next weekend on the 22nd.
June 5 and 12 musical entertainers at 7pm at the park as part of the Legacy Program.
Setting date for inventory and cleanup with SELCO before the end of March which is a step in the weeding process of the books.

4. Police Dept.:

Nothing to report

5. Streets / Maintenance :

Nothing to report

6. Recreation Board:

Judy – small meeting end of month and then start with Rec. sign up. Dire need of lifeguards.

7. Planning Commission / Zoning : Naleid Variance Request Denied

Discussion - Lawyer – Zoning ordinance from, not sure when, states lot size 10,000SF is single family. Ordinance itself does not define single family and 2 dwelling means. Need to go with meaning – 2 family means 2 separate units with 2 separate entrances.

Approx 1 ½ yrs ago State went to practical difficulty standards for granting variances. Concern is insufficient parking, use being inconsistent with the zoning ordinance of 15,000SF or more for 2 family dwellings, applicant could not provide a clear statement or purpose of what they are currently doing and what they want to do.

Matt – Planning commission meeting summary.

Rob – discussed size of lot, parking concerns, house size

Lawyer - Duplex has 2 distinct entrances, and need variance to come in to compliance. Planning Commission recommended denial of application to the Council.

Petition presented from neighbors that do not have issue with it, 9 signatures, 5 residences

Motion needed to adopt Planning Commission Recommendation and a Second motion adopting the findings discussed at the Planning Commission. Discussion and questions Ordinance was adopted in April 2004.

Martell makes motion to agree with Planning Commissions Ruling.

Seconded by Vetch – all in Favor, Martell, aye - Vetch, aye - Lonkoski, Abstain, Fordahl – aye Scholze, Abstain

Second motion needed for info included by Attorney Weiser

Motion made by Martell, seconded by Fordahl

All in Favor – Martell, aye – Vetch aye – Lonkoski, aye, Fordahl, aye, Scholze, abstains

8. Items for Consideration:

8.1 MNDOT Presentation of Wall Project

Brief overview by Jake Gasper, District 6 Rochester, who is the project manager. Hwy 44 wall removal project is to address a failing retaining wall. No cost to City anticipated with the project, other than additional run off from City Streets. Anticipated start of the project is Summer of 2015.

Open house public meeting discussed, City responsible for the sentimental aspect of the wall and working with the awarded contractor. City can work with MNDOT as to the vegetation choices. It is MNDOT right of way and they are responsible for mowing. MNDOT needs to work with City on the storm sewers and drainage details.

City of Hokah needs to consent to MNDOT proposal or waive consent.

Motion to waive Municipal Consent by Fordahl, seconded by Martell – all in favor Martell, Vetch, Lonkoski, Fordahl, Scholze.

- 9. Council Member's Comments:** Vetch – New dispatch technology for Fire Department – cost \$79 per month for 25 phone numbers, more per month for more #'s may partner with La Crescent Fire Department to save money. Motion by Martell to approve telephone paging system, seconded by Fordahl – all in favor.

Martell - SE MN League of Municipalities – Library funding, Sales Tax, Emerald Ash Borer, Silica Sand Mining, Bridge/Highway projects, Tax Reciprocity with WI, Destination Medical Center, Motion needed to accept info given by Martell to approve direction the SE MN League of Municipalities is going – Motion made by Lonkoski, seconded by Fordahl – all approved Martell, Vetch, Lonkoski, Fordahl, Scholze

10. Mayor's Comments: None

11. Staff Correspondence: None

12. Correspondence Received: None

13. Announcements Next Council Meeting: March 4, 2014 @ 6:00pm

14. Items for next Agenda: Liquor License Renewals

15. Adjournment: motion by Martell to adjourn at 7:28pm