

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
September 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jack Weimerskirch at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Upon Roll Call: Mayor J.P. Weimerskirch, and Councilmembers Dick Ledebuhr, Charlie Andring, Steve Baumgart, and Sandy Erdman were present.

City Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Matejka, Director of Public Works Greg Volkart, Police Chief Kent Russell, Fire Chief Rick Bambenek, Asst. Fire Chief Todd Ives, Asst. First Responder Director Jeff Peterson, and Maintenance II worker Dave Schultz.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Ledebuhr seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the September 1, 2009 regular meeting of the Goodview City Council. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Mr. Richard Etnier, of the Lake Village Residents Association, thanked the Council and the City for improving the conditions and environment in the manufactured home park. Mr. Andrew Prunty addressed the Council concerning his dismissal from the City's First Responders Squad. He requested a meeting with Fire Chief Bambenek to discuss the reasons for his dismissal. He was told by the City Administrator a meeting will be arranged between the two of them, along with the Mayor, a Councilmember, and the City Administrator. Mr. Prunty also questioned the legality of his termination, of which he was told the City followed legal advice from the City Attorney along with following the First Responder's By-Laws.

Councilmember Baumgart thanked the Council for allowing him to miss last week's meeting to accommodate his schedule. Councilmember Erdman informed the Council of a news article in the Rochester Post Bulletin on the wages earned by elected officials and administrative positions in various southeast Minnesota communities.

The notice from Congressman Tim Walz about a Town Hall meeting on Health Insurance Reform in Rochester, Minnesota on Saturday, September 12, 2009, was acknowledged by the Council.

The City Administrator gave the Council a review of the Community Roadside Landscaping Partnership program sponsored by MNDOT. He cited numerous items such as the application deadline, the establishment of a beautification committee, cash flow for the project, the creation of a volunteer pledge list, and concerns over the future maintenance of the project. The Director of Public Works pointed out the entire area in question will be seeded as part of the utility project now taking place to meet MPCA guidelines. The City Administrator recommended because of many unknowns at this time, and to try not rushing the project, that the issue be tabled until further notice to

potentially meet the December 31, 2009 deadline for spring planting. The Mayor again stressed the fact he believes the project to be a worthwhile one, but he believes the City should hold off authorizing it until we get a firm commitment from the residents for the maintenance of the project. For these reasons, Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to table the issue until further notice to potentially meet the December 31, 2009 deadline. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

The City Administrator reviewed the second draft of the 2010 General Fund and Debt Service Fund revenue and expenditure budgets. This draft included the concept of combining an equipment bond and the refinancing of the 2001 Improvement Bond issue into one new bond issue. This concept could save the City approximately \$52,000 in interest over the remaining eight years of the bond. This new draft decreases the overall budget, both revenues and expenditures, 1.1% when compared to the original 2009 budgets. With this proposal, the City would levy the maximum allowed by the Department of Revenue of \$1,203,789 plus about \$37,000 for recouping some of the 2009 Local Government Aid that was unallotted by the Governor. The end result of the proposed budget would see the City's estimated tax rate decreasing approximately one percent, while the tax levy would increase about 2.7%. Councilmember Ledebuhr questioned the items on the Capital items list and if those items were set in stone, of which he was told no, as the items actually purchased with the bond monies just needed to be Capital items. There was also a lengthy discussion concerning the budgeting for narrowband radios, and for the City to meet the deadline of switching over to them by 2013. Mr. Matejka said there is nothing in the 2010 proposed budget for the radios, as he and the City are waiting for word from the County on the potential of a county-wide bond for this purpose. He also mentioned the City needs to get a firm grasp of actually how many radios are needed in all the various departments.

The Council reviewed the final plat of Brom Woods Townhouse Association. The City Administrator made sure the Council was aware of the change in the total number of units in the development from the preliminary plat. Originally it was made up of three buildings with seven, five, and five units respectively, for a total of 17. Now that has changed to a total of 15 units with seven, four, and four. However, the footprint of each complex doesn't change. Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve the final plat of Brom Woods Townhouse Association as presented. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Andring seconded to approve the following beer, liquor, and wine license applications:

Off-Sale Beer 3.2%:

Kwik Trip
Minnesota City, MN
Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 2107
LaCrosse, WI 54602-2107

Rocco's Pub & Pizza
5242 6th Street
Goodview, MN 55987

On-Sale Beer 3.2%:

Rocco's Pub & Pizza
5242 6th Street
Goodview, MN 55987

On-Sale Club & Sunday:

Winona Elks Lodge
4540 Service Drive
Goodview, MN 55987

On/Off Sale Liquor & Sunday:

The Bar – Tom Overland
4054 6th Street
Goodview, MN 55987

Off-Sale Liquor:

Warehouse Wine & Spirits
4445 West Highway 61
Goodview, MN 55987

All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to designate the City Council meeting on Monday, December 7, 2009 as the Truth-in-Taxation meeting to allow public comments on both the City's proposed 2010 budget and 2010 levy. The meeting will take place at Goodview City Hall, and will start at 6:00 p.m. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Ledebuhr seconded that RESOLUTION NO. 0832, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR TAXES PAYABLE 2010, AND ADOPTING A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010, be adopted. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve Pay Estimate #3 for the 2009 Lake Goodview Force Main/Outlet Project for \$211,304.80. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Ledebuhr seconded to approve Pay Estimate #8 for the 2008 Utility & Street Improvement Project: Saehler-Anderson subdivision for \$45,324.59. This pay estimate also included Change Orders #1 through #3. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve Pay Estimate #6 for the 2008-B Utility & Street Improvement Project: Gunderson & Hub-Mill subdivisions for \$116,464.87. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to adjourn. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Adjournment at 5:47 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.