

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
March 2, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Dick Ledebuhr at 5:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

City Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Matejka, Director of Public Works Greg Volkart, Police Chief Kent Russell, Maintenance II worker Dave Schultz, Maintenance I worker Aaron Lofgren, First Responders Director Andrew Prunty, and First Responders Asst. Director Jeff Peterson.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Andring seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the February 9, 2009 regular City Council meeting, and the February, 2009 claims (reviewed by Acting Mayor Ledebuhr and Councilmember Baumgart). The claims totaled \$673,569.12 for the following operating funds:

General Fund	\$112,099.67
Revolving Projects Fund	499,988.49
2007 Utility & Street Impr.	5,175.05
Water Service Fund	36,216.71
Sewer Service Fund	20,089.20

After one question by Councilmember Andring concerning the nine checks written for assessment rebates, all voted aye and the motion carried.

NOTE: Mr. Toby Dogwiler, Associate Professor & Director of the SE MN Water Resources Center at Winona State University, was not able to attend. His presentation will be re-scheduled for a future City Council meeting.

During the Community Comments/Input part of the agenda, the Lake Village Association secretary informed the Council of an upcoming meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the various issues at Lake Village. The meeting will be held at the Lake Village offices. These issues include such things as general park maintenance, handicap accessibility, recycling, the lack of an emergency action plan, and most importantly no on-site management. Senator Ropes and Representative Drazkowski have indicated they will be in attendance at the meeting. The residents realize it is not the City's problem, but are asking for the City's help in trying to solve these, and other, issues. Mr. Leon Bowman questioned if new potential ordinances the previous Council

discussed (i.e.; cat licenses and sidewalk maintenance) will be formalized before the City has all of its ordinances codified. He was told the City has signed a three-year agreement with the company to add any new ordinances when passed, but those two specific possible ordinances are still on the City's radar screen for discussion in 2009.

Councilmember Erdman asked if the City Council minutes are published in the Winona Shopper Post, of which she was told by the City Administrator he thought so but would check and report back to the Council. Acting Mayor Ledebuhr passed along praise to the City's Street Department for their snowplowing after the most recent big snowfall.

Councilmember Andring questioned the City Administrator if there was any word from Washington, D.C. on the \$3 million for our water treatment plant project, of which he was told no. Mr. Matejka did go on to say though that Representative Drazkowski did introduce his bill in the MN House today to get the City's PFA loan turned into a grant. The Councilmember also asked the Director of Public Works if there have been any negative comments from the residents of the Saehler sub-division on the crushed rock roads, of which once again the answer was no. Mr. Volkart then gave the Council an update on the project to create an outlet for Lake Goodview. He went through the preliminary plans as put together by the City's engineer on the project, Yaggy Colby. He referenced certain aspects of the project, including property acquisition, pipe and pump sizes, and holding ponds. He also pointed out the City has received an informal extension on completion of the project (originally June 30, 2009) to 2012. Mr. Volkart indicated to the Council the timeline now is for Yaggy Colby to come to the next Council meeting on March 16, 2009, to present final plans and cost estimates, and for the Council at that time to approve the plans and call for bids. The successful bid will then be awarded at the April 20, 2009 Council meeting, with construction to start sometime in May. Police Chief Kent Russell added an item to his Administrative Report informing the Council there will be grants available to communities to add Police officers through the federally funded COPS Program. These grants were first introduced during President Clinton's administration at 75% funded, and now are 100% funded through the economic stimulus package recently passed by Congress. Further information will be available towards the end of this month. The Police Chief also asked for two Councilmembers to serve on an Emergency Action Plan Committee, of which Councilmembers Andring and Baumgart volunteered to serve.

The Maintenance Department on-call schedule for March, 2009 was reviewed.

The letter from Charter Communications was reviewed by the Council.

It was noted the City's date for the Winona County Board of Appeals will be on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Office Building.

The City Administrator informed the Council his office plans to send out personalized letters to all the residents in the immediate area of 45th and 46th Avenues and 8th Street to inform them of an informational session the City will hold concerning the relocation of the tennis courts to Memorial Park. The session will be part of the next regular City Council meeting on Monday, March 16, 2009.

City Administrator Matejka asked the Council to postpone a decision on designating a Building Code Administrator until the March 16, 2009 meeting. He explained his office did receive one proposal, but anticipated receiving at least two more shortly, so he is recommending delaying the decision. The Council agreed to postpone the decision until the 16th.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve the Liability Insurance Coverage Waiver form as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

Ms. Julie Fassbender of the Winona Park Recreation Program gave the Council an overview of the proposed programming for this summer at LaCanne Park. She indicated due to budget cuts in her department, they are only able to offer soccer camps at the park in 2009. The other five or six week long, half-day camps they held in 2008 needed to be cut. However, when the City Administrator suggested that if the City had enough donated funds to be able to pay for all expenses related to camps at LaCanne Park would they offer them, Ms. Fassbender indicated her office would be open to the possibility. She also asked the Council if the City would be willing to pay the non-resident fee for all seasonal programs, and not just the summer programs. It was decided to have her work with the City Administrator on a new proposal and present the new agreement at the next meeting on March 16, 2009.

Under the Other category of the agenda, the City Administrator reviewed a request the City received from Mr. Nick Gruber asking to have the rental fee for the Evans Pavilion on 5th Street waived. His group is planning a cancer benefit for Ms. Dawn Ring on May 16. All members of the Council indicated no problem with the waiving of the fee. Councilmember Erdman informed the Council she received an invite from Mr. Mike Ellefson to personally come and review his revised plans for Brom Woods, and was curious if all members of the Council received the same invite. These plans will be acted on by the Council at the March 16th meeting.

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

Adjournment at 5:58 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.