

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
July 6, 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, First Responders Director Andrew Prunty, and Maintenance II worker Dave Schultz.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the June 15, 2009 regular City Council meeting. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

During the Community Comments/Input part of the agenda, Mr. Dan Wenzel (4810 Park Lane) raised concerns over the townhome building project taking place next to his son's house at 3485 Seventh Street – specifically the height of the garage and the setback from his son's fence. He believes the height (more than 16 feet) exceeds what is allowable by City ordinance, and he questions what can be done about it and how to resolve the issue. The Director of Public Works indicated it was his, and the City's, assumption the garage was going to be a single story structure. It was also mentioned the building permit for the project was taken out in March of 2009, before the City formally recognized the State Building Code and requiring a project site plan. The City Administrator indicated the City will be holding a re-zoning meeting on July 20, 2009, for the entire area of Brom Woods. The whole area will be proposed to be re-zoned from Heavy Manufacturing to some level of residential zoning. The area currently under construction will either be zoned D2 (two family dwelling), or D3 (multiple family dwelling). The height of the garage is an issue in a D2 zone, but not in a D3 zone, so the contractor may need to ask for a variance. If this is the case, the variance hearing would take place at the August 3rd City Council meeting. Mr. Jerry Haessig of the Lake Village Resident Association announced there will be a Neighborhood Watch picnic in the Lake Village Park on Sunday, August 2, 2009. The purpose of the get-together is for the residents to come together as a community. He has contacted the Goodview Police, Fire, and EMT Departments to potentially put on demonstrations for those in attendance. Mr. Leon Bowman (1245 48th Avenue) informed the Council he believes there is a feral cat issue in his neighborhood, and suggested the Council seriously needs to look into the creation of a Cat Ordinance to help alleviate this problem city-wide. This topic has been brought before the Council in the past.

Acting Mayor Ledebuhr questioned if the streets in the Saehler subdivision are legal width, of which he was told they are by Mr. Volkart.

The City Administrator gave his administrative report orally to the Council. He informed them the Winona Elks Lodge is planning a Fall Block Party for this October in conjunction with Oktoberfest. He also gave the Council a review of the League of MN Cities annual conference he attended in St. Paul. He pointed out the roundtable discussions on Best Value Contracting and Levy Limits, and a field trip to the Capitol to talk about lobbying were the highlights of the sessions. Mr. Matejka did inform the Council that the advice from many different groups like the League, the Coalition of Greater MN Cities, and the Association of Small Cities is that the unallotment process may not be done. The Governor could do additional unallotment in December if the November revenue forecast is worse than expected. This advice, Mr. Matejka said, will come into play when he creates the City's budget for 2010. He also informed the Council he was asked to serve on the League of MN Cities Improving Fiscal Futures Policy Committee, of which he accepted. The committee, which meets once a month for the next three months, will create policy recommendations which will be forwarded to the League's Board of Directors for approval. These approved policies will then be the framework for the League for the next legislative session. The Director of Public Works also gave his report orally. He gave the Council an update on all the various projects going on throughout the City. He pointed out that as of tomorrow, July 7, both water filter plants will be up and operational. The remaining work to be done is all non-operational related (i.e.; landscaping, cabinet work, etc.). The City Administrator mentioned he believes the City should look into holding an Open House sometime in September for the community and elected leaders to see and learn how the plants work. The Saehler-Anderson project should be complete by the end of the month. The piping for the Gunderson project is basically complete except for the lift station piping. This will be worked on starting next week. The lift station on Maur L Drive is functional, and some households have already hooked up to the City's system. The water project in Hub-Mill Industrial Park is complete except for Frank Street. The tennis courts will be seal coated next week, and should be totally finished before the end of the month. The ponding area for the Lake Goodview Outlet Project is complete. Piping for this project is done to the railroad crossing on 69th Avenue. Mr. Volkart pointed out the actual movement of the two tracks to one has been delayed by the railroad for six months. For that reason, the contractor will have to directional bore under both tracks to get the job done. There were no questions/comments on the Police or Fire administrative reports. Mr. Prunty clarified for the Council that the Goodview Fire & Rescue Department actually had 18 calls in June, not 13 as stated in his report.

The City Administrator presented a proposal to revise the procedures used when someone wishes to rent one of the City's facilities. He pointed out it has been a different year from the past concerning organizations/people renting the facility, and then not actually using it. This creates a situation with the facilities, which are in high demand, going unused. Acting Mayor Ledebuhr suggested the policy should dictate the renter lose all of their deposit if they cancel within 30 days of the potential day of usage, or don't use the facility at all. The rest of the Council agreed with this suggestion, and recommended to Mr. Matejka to bring this topic back, with changes, to the next meeting on July 20th for formal approval.

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

Police Chief Russell gave the Council a summary of the proposed contract from Winona County for Transportation to a Treatment Facility, a service the City has used on average about 18 to 20 times per year in the past. He pointed out this is a service the County doesn't have to provide for cities like Goodview and Winona, but has elected to at no cost in years past. However, because of budget issues the County now believes they have to start charging municipalities for the service. Chief Russell is concerned because the City of Goodview also has budget issues and will now have to allocate resources to help pay to use the service. He estimates he will budget about \$2,000 in 2010 to cover these potential costs. He did express feelings that the City of Goodview has provided services to the County in the past at no cost (i.e.; K-9 calls, security at the County Fair, etc.), but it has been an arrangement between the two law enforcement agencies. The Chief did express reservations about the leeway he believes the County has under the proposed contract - specifically in the fact the County determines where they will transport the person and how many staff members it will use. The Chief did clarify the fact the City doesn't have to use this service with the County, but agreeing to this contract gives us the flexibility to do so if needed. He indicated he believes the City could do this service cheaper in-house, but it could potentially be a logistics problem with part-time officers. The City Administrator pointed out the County will send the final draft for Council approval in the next week or so, and the City will take the matter under consideration at their next meeting on July 20, 2009.

There was no Unfinished Business this month.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve the liquor license for the Goodview Activity Group for Goodview Days. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Resolution 0825 was tabled until the July 20, 2009 meeting due to the legal description not being complete.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve the list of applications for Drainlayer licenses as presented in the Council packet. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded that RESOLUTION NO. 0826, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE FOR WINONA COUNTY DUCKS UNLIMITED FOR BOTH SEPTEMBER 12, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2009, be adopted. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded that RESOLUTION NO. 0827, A RESOLUTION SETTING AN "ADDITIONAL" BUILDING CODE FEE FOR 2009 FOR THE CITY OF GOODVIEW, be adopted. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve Pay Estimate #1 for the 2009 Lake Goodview Force Main/Outlet Project for \$149,551.94. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Andring seconded that RESOLUTION NO. 0828, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PREMISE PERMIT FOR THE GOODVIEW ACTIVITY GROUP FOR THE CONDUCT OF LAWFUL GAMBLING AT THE GOODVIEW PARK PAVILION, be adopted. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

There was nothing brought up under the Other category of the agenda.

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

Adjournment at 6:13 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview Fire Hall.