

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
December 7, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jack Weimerskirch at 6:00 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, Police Chief Kent Russell, and Maintenance I worker Aaron Lofgren.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Andring seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the November 16, 2009 regular meeting of the Goodview City Council. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

There were no community comments or input.

Councilmember Ledebuhr thanked the Police Department for their involvement in the Lighted Holiday Parade which took place through the City on Saturday, December 5. He also asked the Administrator to make sure the Council is aware of any new or amended ordinances that will be brought before the Council, before the public notices are advertised. Councilmember Erdman indicated she and Nancy Gaulke of the City discussed why the City Council minutes aren't in the Winona Post, as Nancy has been sending them. The Councilmember said she tried to contact the Post, but they haven't gotten back to her yet. The City Administrator said he would look into the matter. The Mayor informed the Council he will be out of town from December 26th to mid-April. He has arranged it that he could appear before the Council via computer if the need arises.

At 6:07 the Mayor closed the regular meeting, and opened the Public Hearing for the purpose to amend the City's ordinance regulating no parking zones upon City streets, alleys, ways and grounds AND to consider the adoption of an ordinance prohibiting public urination and defecation. The City Administrator explained both ordinances. Councilmember Ledebuhr questioned if the City will continue its current practice of enforcement of the no parking when snow is involved, of which the Police Chief said yes. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:11.

The Mayor questioned if the Administrator had made a decision on the concept of Health Savings Accounts (HSA's) as an option for the City's Health Insurance Plan. He was told the numbers just couldn't work – especially as a dual choice option – so the concept

is being dropped for 2010, but will be continued to be looked at in the future. The Mayor also expressed concern over the continuation of a number of projects within the City (i.e.; the railroad crossing on 69th Avenue, and the two water and sewer extension projects). Councilmember Ledebuhr suggested the City put some pressure on the contractors for each extension project to get them done. The Administrator said he would talk with the City Engineer about the suggestion. The Councilmember also questioned when the improvements to The Bar were going to take place, of which he was told it probably will be a winter project. Police Chief Russell responded to questions about people parking on Service Drive advertising and displaying various vehicles for sale. The Chief said the City's no parking ordinance would be enforced if there is proper signage put up. He gave the Council updates on various items, including the new police squad which has been ordered (this is an item off of the three-year Capital Improvement list), and should be in service in March of next year. The 800 MHz radio issue was discussed in detail also. The Chief informed the Council he was told the Winona County Sheriff's Department received a grant to purchase radios for the County. The County went with Motorola radios because that is what they are trained in, and the Police Chief said it would make perfect sense for the City to go with Motorola's for that reason. The Mayor did say however, that the City should continue to explore other companies. According to Sheriff Brand, the Winona County Board tabled the creation of a Management Team to review the whole radio issue until February. The Sheriff also told Chief Russell that it is his belief the Winona/Goodview area needs to construct one more tower to guarantee County coverage. Councilmember Ledebuhr questioned if the City shouldn't pursue our own grants, and if we should do this entire project on our own and don't wait for the County. He was told all the grants currently available for radios are for counties. Mr. Dave Belz of Winona County has been exploring all possible grant opportunities on this issue. Chief Russell also informed the Council he has had a conversation with Sheriff Brand concerning items the County is pushing down on the cities of the County due to budget cuts. The Chief said most cities in the County are experiencing financial burdens just like the County. He also informed the Council he has had conversations with a few Lake Village residents about "junk" issues in the village, and how does the City's ordinance work inside Lake Village. At this time, the City is not getting involved in this issue, but may in the future if it continues. As for the Fire Department administrative report, the only comment was from the Mayor who questioned the possible trip to Florida to potentially purchase a used rescue squad. The Administrator indicated this is on hold at this time, but that the City will continue to explore the internet for possible squads. The Mayor indicated this is a practice the City has used in the past, and his only request is that the Council be kept informed of these potential exploratory trips.

The Council acknowledged the Maintenance Department on-call schedule for December, 2009.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve Pay Estimate #4 for the 2009 Lake Goodview Force Main/Outlet Project for \$87,875.00. The Administrator said the City should expect probably at least two more pay estimates on this project. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Andring seconded that **ORDINANCE #38.6, AN ORDINANCE REGULATING NO PARKING ZONES UPON CITY STREETS, ALLEYS, WAYS AND GROUNDS**, be adopted. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded that **ORDINANCE #92, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PUBLIC URINATION AND DEFECATION**, be adopted. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

The City Administrator presented the Final Draft of the 2010 General Fund and Debt Service Fund revenue and expenditure budgets. He highlighted the changes from the previous draft in September. The budgets for both of these funds are still balanced budgets between revenues and expenditures; however in the General Fund the changes proposed resulted in \$23,282 going to rebuild the fund balance. This draft results in the City's Tax Rate decreasing approximately one-half of a percent from 2009, while the Tax Levy for 2010 will increase the same amount, 2.65 percent, as proposed in September. The Administrator stressed his beliefs in the need to rebuild the fund balance due to the unknown of what will happen with Local Government Aid (LGA) and Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) in 2010 and beyond. The Council tabled the approval of these budgets, and also the passage of **RESOLUTION NO. 0840, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2010 BUDGET AND MAKING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2010** to the next meeting on December 21, 2009.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Andring seconded to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 0841, A RESOLUTION ON POTENTIAL UNALLOTMENT OF DECEMBER LGA PAYMENT**. All voted aye, and the motion carried.

The City Administrator shared with the Council a letter from a resident complaining about taxes in the City and County. The resident provided tax statements for Payable 2009, which is a year old. The Administrator told the Council he will try to touch base with the resident and answer any questions he may have.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to adjourn. All vote aye, and the motion carried.

Adjournment at 7:13 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, December 21, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.