

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
January 26, 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, Maintenance II worker Dave Schultz, and Maintenance I worker Aaron Lofgren.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Andring seconded that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the January 5, 2009 regular City Council meeting, and the January, 2009 claims (reviewed by Mayor Weimerskirch and Councilmember Erdman). The claims totaled \$1,396,913.57 for the following operating funds:

General Fund	\$111,195.59
Revolving Projects Fund	1,223,153.89
Water Service Fund	20,610.53
Sewer Service Fund	41,953.56

All voted aye, motion carried.

There was no Community Comments and/or Input.

Acting Mayor Ledebuhr indicated he received a complaint from a resident on 48th Avenue that the City dumped snow off of their neighbor's yard onto theirs. The complainant pointed out their concern because they have an in-ground sprinkler system, and didn't want it damaged. Director of Public Works Greg Volkart pointed out his staff didn't drive up on the property at all, but will look into it.

The Fire Department's administrative report for their January 6, 2009 meeting was reviewed by the Council.

The 2008 Building Permits Summary Report was reviewed by the Council.

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

The City Administrator informed the Council the City received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007. This award is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to government units whose comprehensive annual financial reports (CAFRs) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting. The Council applauded the City Administrator and his staff for receiving the distinguished award.

City Administrator Matejka presented the revenue and expenditure budgets for both the Water and Sewer funds for 2009. The rates will increase 17% and 12%, respectively for water and sewer. The City will advertise the increases again this year to inform the residents. Mr. Matejka pointed out he anticipates the City will once again have to raise the water rates in 2010, especially if the City doesn't receive any help from the Federal Government towards the funding of the two water treatment plants being built. Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve the Water and Sewer budgets for 2009 as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Andring seconded to approve Ordinance 86.4, an Ordinance establishing the rates and charges for services provided by the City of Goodview, as presented. This ordinance reflects the new water and sewer rates used to create the respective budgets for the Water and Sewer funds previously approved. All voted aye, motion carried.

Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve Pay Estimate #6 for the Water Treatment Facility Plant #1 & #2 Project for \$293,087.69. All voted aye, motion carried.

Mr. Matejka presented the Pay Equity Compliance Report for 2008 the City was required to complete. The report shows the City totally in compliance with the standards as set by the Minnesota Department of Employee Relations. The City is compelled to go through this process every three years. Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Andring seconded to approve the Pay Equity Compliance Report for 2008 as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

The Director of Public Works presented the Council with a preliminary plan to relocate the tennis courts, which were previously a part of Goodview Park on Fifth Street, to a site next to the basketball court on Eighth Street in Memorial Park. The courts were removed due to the construction of the water treatment plant. The estimated cost of the courts is approximately \$74,500, of which the City will use past donations from the Goodview Activity Group (GAG) to fund the entire project. The City Administrator said the City will hold at least one neighborhood meeting to discuss the project in the near future.

Mr. Andrew Prunty of the Goodview First Responders presented to the Council the by-laws of the Goodview First Responders. The purpose behind the by-laws is to give the squad a little more structure. He said the squad currently has 17 members, four of which are also members of the City's volunteer Fire Department. In 2008 the squad responded

to 134 calls, the highest annual total ever. He informed the Council the City Attorney has reviewed the proposed by-laws, and his recommendations are taken into account in the version set forth. A couple items were discussed for clarification purposes; (1) the First Responders are not asking for any pension fund to be established for their group. This is unlike the Fire Department who belongs to a State Relief Association. (2) There are no minimum number of members the squad needs to have at any one particular point in time, and (3) the budget they operate from is part of the over-all budget that Fire Chief Rick Bambenek submits each summer. The First Responders do have the ability to conduct in-house training in their Training Center housed in the Fire Hall. The training is not limited to just City staff, but is also open to outside agencies. These outside agencies would pay a fee, which in turn would be used to replenish supplies used during the training. Councilmember Baumgart stressed the importance of this group, and thus moved to approve the by-laws for the First Responders of the City of Goodview as presented. Councilmember Andring seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion carried.

The City Administrator presented to the Council amended 2009 General Fund revenue and expenditure budgets. The reason for the amendment is the unknown share of cuts the City will incur due to the State's nearly \$5 billion deficit. The amended budget represents a loss of all Local Government Aid (LGA) of \$150,416 for 2009. Mr. Matejka pointed out his beliefs this would truly be the worst case scenario, but unfortunately the City won't know that until the end of the legislative session in May. The new budget represents approximately a 10% cut in both the revenue and expenditure budgets from the original budget approved by the Council in December of 2008. It also reflects a decrease of about 5.5% from the 2008 budget. Councilmember Ledebuhr questioned the rational of cutting the summer help for the Parks Department, a position he believes is very important. The City Administrator pointed out if the cuts from the State aren't as bad as originally thought, the City will potentially come back to the Council and present another amended budget adding items back in – one of which could be the summer help. Councilmember Andring moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve the amended 2009 General Fund Revenue and Expenditure budgets as presented. All voted aye, motion carried.

Under the Other category of the agenda; the Council was presented a copy of an agreement with the Yaggy Colby engineering firm to continue services to possibly construct an outlet for Lake Goodview.

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

Adjournment at 6:05 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.