

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
June 6, 2011

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

City Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Matejka, Director of Public Works Greg Volkart, Fire Chief Rick Bambenek, and Clerk-Typist Nancy Gaulke.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the May 16, 2011 regular City Council meeting.

All voted aye and the motion carried.

There was no community comment or input.

Councilmember Ledebuhr commented on the heavy volume of truck traffic on 6th Street recently and stated he feels it would be more suitable for the trucks to use Theurer Boulevard. It was noted that because CSAH 32 is a county road and is a designated truck route, the City has no jurisdiction in the matter. Councilmember Baumgart stated he received a complaint regarding recreational fires producing large amounts of smoke in the area of 52nd and 53rd Avenues. The City Administrator explained fires are regulated by both the open burning ordinance and the public nuisance ordinance and violations should be reported to the Police Department. Fire Chief Bambenek stated he would work with the Police Department to investigate any possible violations.

Mayor Weimerskirch suspended the regular meeting at 5:07 p.m. and opened the Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the vacation of that portion of the existing utility easement dated October 28, 1987 recorded with document #344611 by the Winona County Recorder's office on September 5, 1991. The Director of Public works explained the property owner, Mr. Tom Lozenski, requested the vacation for the purpose of constructing an addition to his building. Mr. Volkart noted the easement will never be needed by the City. Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded RESOLUTION NO. 0867, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE HUBMIL SUBDIVISION, be adopted. All voted aye and the Resolution was declared adopted. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 5:08 p.m. and reopened the regular meeting.

Councilmember Erdman inquired about an apartment building which has been in violation of the City's nuisance ordinance. The City Administrator reported the property has been cleaned up; however, he will again be contacting the property owner regarding repairs to the building which commenced in August 2008 and have not been completed. Mayor Weimerskirch stated the City took possession of Iak, the City's new police dog, on June 5, 2011. Police Chief Kent Russell and Iak are currently spending several days training in Green Bay, WI. Mayor Weimerskirch reported he had a conversation with Representative Gene Pelowski regarding redistricting. The City Administrator pointed out the State Legislature did pass a redistricting bill, but it was vetoed by Governor Dayton. If no compromise can be reached, the matter will be decided by a five-member judicial panel.

Under the Administrative Reports portion of the agenda, Fire Chief Bambenek reported the new 800 MHz radios have been installed in the fire trucks and will be ready for use when Winona County switches to the new system. Mr. Greg Volkart, Director of Public Works, reported carp which had gotten through the pumps at Lake Goodview ended up in the settling basin on Wenonah Road have been removed by his department. He also reported numerous dead gizzard shad have been found in Lake Goodview. He has contacted the DNR who indicated they are not concerned since no other species of fish have been dying; however, they will come down to take samples of the fish as a precaution. Mr. Volkart reported the advertisement for bids for the 2011 Brom Subdivision Drainage Improvement project will be published in the Winona Daily News on June 8, 2011. He also reported City Engineer, Mr. Bill Trygstad, will have information and a cost estimate for the City Council at the June 20, 2011 meeting for the proposed project to extend City sewer and water services to the 63rd Avenue area. The City Administrator reported Police Chief Russell has spoken with the Goodview Activity Group and a decision has been made to start the Holiday Lighted Parade at 41st Avenue and it is uncertain at this time whether or not there will be a fireworks show. Mr. Matejka stated he was involved in the interview process for the new Winona County Planning position and a decision is expected to be made by the end of the week. He also reported the GPS project which was being undertaken by students of St. Mary's University is on hold at this time because the Winona County equipment they were intending to use was not able to communicate with the satellites due to the dense tree cover in We Valley. Mr. Matejka explained that because no progress has been made by the Legislature and the Governor in reaching an agreement on the State's budget, it is uncertain at this time whether the City will be receiving its Local Government Aid (LGA) payment in July. More information should be available by the end of June.

The Maintenance Department on-call schedule for June was acknowledged.

A letter from Charter Communications was acknowledged.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded RESOLUTION NO. 0868, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTINUATION OF A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GOODVIEW, MN AND THE STATE OF MN, ACTING THROUGH ITS DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION, be adopted. All voted aye and the Resolution was adopted.

The City Administrator explained the Professional Services Proposal from Yaggy Colby Associates for the Safe Routes to School Grant Application. The purpose of the grant is to fund projects to provide a safe route that will encourage children to walk or bike to school. Mayor Weimerskirch and Mr. Matejka gave an overview of the safety issues on 8th Street behind Goodview Elementary School including double-parking and traffic congestion which has resulted in some very close calls for children before and after school. The proposed project being submitted for the grant application includes a pedestrian/bike path (sidewalk) along the south side of 8th Street from 44th Avenue to the school, a widened drop-off area along the south side of 8th Street behind the school, a pedestrian/bike path (sidewalk) along the west side of 44th Avenue from 8th Street to 6th Street, and a sidewalk along the west side of 51st Avenue from the school to 7th Place. The approximate cost of the project would be \$248,000, which would be funded entirely by the grant. In response to questions from Councilmembers Ledebuhr and Alexander, the Administrator explained that at this point, City staff is only asking for City Council authorization to hire Yaggy Colby to apply for the grant at a cost to the City not to exceed \$2,500. He emphasized this is just the first phase of the application process, and suggested the Council take a “field trip” during a future meeting to see firsthand what is being proposed. He believes the City would have the opportunity to modify, to some extent, the actual final plans if the City is awarded the grant. Councilmember Alexander moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to proceed with the Professional Services Proposal for the Safe Routes to School Grant Application from Yaggy Colby Associates. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The Council reviewed the annual requests for permits for three or more dogs in a residence as presented by the list included with the Council agenda. It was noted Alan and Sandy Parpart did submit their request this morning so all requests have been received. Councilmember Baumgart moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve all permits as requested. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve the annual permit requests to have a mobile home in various locations of the City other than a mobile home park as presented by the list included with the Council agenda. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Under the Other portion of the agenda, Councilmember Erdman submitted a request to close 4th Street between 39th and 40th Avenues from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20, 2011 to allow the Gamehaven Boy Scouts to set up a pinewood derby ramp. Councilmember Baumgart moved and Councilmember Alexander seconded to approve the request. All voted aye and the motion carried.

The City Administrator provided information from Winona County Assessor Mr. Steve Hacken to the City Council regarding training for the Board of Appeals.

Councilmember Ledebuhr inquired if the City of Winona sewer rate increase will affect the rates Goodview pays to Winona for sewer service. The Public Works Director explained rates are set on an annual basis by contract with the City of Winona. The City Administrator will contact the City of Winona to confirm rates for 2012. Any increase will be taken into consideration in the budget for 2012.

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

Adjournment at 5:57 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.