

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
July 11, 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 Dick Ledebuhr, Steve Baumgart, Sandy Erdman, and Mike Alexander were present.

City Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Matejka, Police Chief Kent Russell, and Clerk-Typist Nancy Gaulke.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Alexander moved and Councilmember Ledebuhr seconded the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the June 20, 2011 regular City Council meeting.

All voted aye and the motion carried.

Councilmember Baumgart complimented Police Chief Kent Russell for taking time to check on and develop a rapport with Mr. Rocky Roppe, a Goodview resident who recently passed away. Councilmember Erdman stated she has received some questions from residents regarding the City's policy on noxious weeds. The City Administrator explained letters are sent to property owners who are in violation of the City's weed ordinance and they are given a deadline to comply with the ordinance.

The Mayor suspended the regular meeting at 5:05 p.m. and opened a public hearing for the purpose of considering an application for a variance in the maximum allowable square footage for an accessory building for the property located at 885 43rd Avenue for the construction of a storage garage. The property owner, Mr. James Johnson, explained he would like to replace an existing garage with a new garage that would be the same width but approximately 20' longer than the old structure. The City Administrator read a list of five criteria established by the State of Minnesota that should be taken into account when considering a variance request. These include; is the variance in harmony with the purpose and intent of the ordinance, is it consistent with the comprehensive plan, will the proposal put the property to use in a reasonable manner, are there unique circumstances to the property not created by the landowner, and will the variance, if granted, alter the essential character of the locality. After discussion concerning these five criteria, all determined to be okay in respects to the request, Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve the variance as requested. All voted aye and the variance was approved. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:11 p.m. and reopened the regular meeting.

A number of citizens who live along 8th Street were in attendance to ask questions and express opposition to a proposed sidewalk project which was submitted by the City in a Safe Routes to School grant application. Objections to the sidewalks included grass and trees being replaced by sidewalks, mailboxes being relocated, and property owners possibly being required to maintain (i.e.; shovel) the sidewalks. Residents also felt the sidewalks would not receive much use since most children that attend Goodview School currently do not walk to school. The City Administrator explained he feels more children may potentially walk to school if a sidewalk was available and the sidewalks would also make it safer for all other community members who may currently walk on the streets. The problem of traffic congestion before and after school on 8th Street was also discussed and there was a consensus it is a safety issue which needs to be addressed. This issue is a component of the grant application. Mayor Weimerskirch and Mr. Matejka emphasized applying for the grant is just the first step in the process and it is premature to address specific concerns at this time. They explained it is a competitive grant which the City has applied for twice in the past few years, both times unsuccessfully. If any grant money is awarded to the City, a public hearing would be held and the City would have the option of turning down all or part of the grant. Mr. Matejka stated he will keep citizens informed and encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to contact him.

Under the Administrative Reports portion of the agenda, the City Administrator reported he and Mayor Weimerskirch attended a townhall meeting on June 27, 2011 held by Congressman Walz. They noted they were disappointed in the format of the meeting because it did not allow them to directly address questions to the Congressman. Police Chief Russell reported that Winona County has received bids for the radio tower for the 800 MHz radio project; however, due to some legal issues, construction has not yet started. He also reported his department has responded to approximately 200 more calls year-to-date when compared to 2010. Chief Russell will be attending a public informational meeting at LaCanne Park held by Austin Powder tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. regarding upcoming blasting at Biesanz Stone Quarry.

The Goodview Fire Department meeting minutes from July 5, 2011 were reviewed.

The Building permit report for June 2011 was reviewed.

The City Administrator gave an overview of the 2011 budget update for all funds as of May 31, 2011.

The 2011 Coalition of Greater MN Cities Legislative Session Report was acknowledged.

The City Administrator presented information regarding the potential utility project for extending City utilities to the area of 63rd Avenue. He provided figures showing the major details of the project as originally proposed with a total estimated cost of \$1.7 million as well as an alternate revised plan which would reduce the estimated cost to approximately \$1.2 million. After a lengthy discussion, the Council directed Mr. Matejka to obtain a detailed breakdown of the dollar amounts of the project as originally

proposed, apply those figures to the City's assessment policy, and present that information at a Council meeting in the near future.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Alexander seconded to approve an On Sale and Strong Beer On Sale Liquor License for the Goodview Activity Group for Goodview Days which is August 19, 2011 through August 22, 2011. The location of the event will be at the Goodview Park Pavilion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Councilmember Alexander moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded RESOLUTION NO. 0870, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PREMISE PERMIT FOR THE WINONA ELKS LODGE #327 FOR THE CONDUCT OF LAWFUL GAMBLING AT THE GOODVIEW PAVILION AND PARK, be adopted. All voted aye and the Resolution was adopted.

Councilmember Alexander moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded to approve the list of applications as presented for Drainlayer Licenses that have met all City requirements. It was noted that Boomer's Quality Plumbing has elected not to renew their license. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Councilmember Baumgart moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve a request from the Winona Elks Lodge #327 for them to use the City's generator and picnic tables for a fundraiser dance to be held in the Lodge's parking lot on Friday, July 29, 2011. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded RESOLUTION NO. 0871, A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE 2011 BROM SUBDIVISION DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, ACCEPTING THE BIDS, AND AWARDING THE CONTRACT THEREFORE, be adopted. All voted aye and the Resolution was adopted.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve a request to waive the pavilion rental fee for the Goodview PTA and Goodview Elementary staff to hold a welcome home ceremony for a teacher returning from active duty in Afghanistan. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Ledebuhr seconded RESOLUTION NO. 0872, 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 Resolution was adopted.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Alexander seconded authorization to allow Winona County to act as the City's Board of Health for the purpose to enter the home at 4746 Fifth Street to abate all potential public health hazards as they relate to the City's Public Nuisance Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion between Councilmember

Erdman and the City Administrator concerning the property in general and how the City has dealt with the property and its owner, all voted aye and the motion carried.

Note: Councilmember Baumgart left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Under the Other portion of the agenda, the Public Hearing Notice from Winona County was acknowledged.

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

Adjournment at 6:41 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.