

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
July 25, 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, and Sandy Erdman were present. Councilmember Mike Alexander was absent.

City Staff Present: City Administrator Dan Matejka, Director of Public Works Greg Volkart, Police Chief Kent Russell, Maintenance II worker Dave Schultz, and Clerk-Typist Nancy Gaulke.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the July 11, 2011 regular City Council meeting and July 2011 claims reviewed by Councilmembers Baumgart and Erdman. The claims totaled \$237,517.94 for the following operating funds:

General Fund	\$110,049.19
Revolving Projects Fund	55,879.44
2009-A Equipment Bond	31,718.38
Water Service Fund	20,372.57
Sewer Service Fund	19,498.36

All voted aye and the motion carried.

Councilmember Ledebuhr expressed condolences to the family of Toni Pozanc and noted her late husband was a former Goodview City Councilmember.

The City Administrator provided an update on the property located at 4746 5th Street. Mr. Matejka, Police Chief Kent Russell, Director of Public Works Greg Volkart, City Attorney Ron Benson, and several representatives from Winona County met with the family of Mr. Rocky Roppe, the late owner of the property. Mr. Matejka reported Mr. Roppe's family has taken possession of the property, paid the property taxes due, and is in the process of cleaning up the property with the intention of selling it. He explained there is some money owed to the City for clean-up costs which the City will collect when the property is sold.

The Mayor suspended the regular meeting at 5:05 p.m. and called to order a public hearing for the purpose of considering an application for an eight-foot variance in the front yard setback requirement for the property located at 4160 9th Street for the construction of a three-season porch. After a short discussion, it was determined the request meets the five criteria established by the State of Minnesota which must be taken

into account when considering a variance. Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve the variance as requested. All voted aye and the variance was approved. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:09 p.m. and reopened the regular meeting.

Mayor Weimerskirch reported the owners of an apartment building which has been in violation of the City's nuisance ordinance have made some progress in cleaning up the property; however, tenants of the building have placed more discarded furniture on the lawn. The Mayor directed the City Administrator to contact the property owners and reiterate the cleanup must be completed by July 31, 2011. Councilmember Ledebuhr inquired about another property which has been in violation of the City's nuisance ordinance. After a brief discussion, the City Administrator indicated he would send a cleanup notice to the owners of the property.

The Police Department Incident Report for June 2011 was reviewed.

A discussion was held concerning the blasting that is taking place at Biesanz Stone Quarry. Police Chief Russell explained the Police Department and City Hall will be notified each day that blasting will occur. Mayor Weimerskirch directed City staff to also notify the City Council. Councilmember Ledebuhr inquired what recourse property owners would have if they receive any damage due to the blasting. He was informed it would be a civil matter between the property owner and Biesanz Stone Quarry and/or Austin Powder.

The Maintenance Department on-call schedule for August 2011 was reviewed.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded RESOLUTION NO. 0873, A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXEMPTION FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING LICENSE FOR WINONA COUNTY DUCKS UNLIMITED FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2011 AND SEPTEMBER 17, 2011, be adopted. All voted aye and the Resolution was adopted.

The City Administrator presented a draft of an Ordinance to establish salaries for the Mayor and Councilmembers which would take effect after January 1, 2013. The draft proposes a monthly salary of \$187.50 for the Mayor and \$150.00 for Councilmembers, currently \$125 and \$100 respectively, which would be the first increase in pay since 1984. Mr. Matejka explained the Ordinance would need to be adopted before the next general election in order to take effect in January 2013. He further explained this Ordinance sets the maximum amount of pay, but reductions can be done at any time by Resolution. Mayor Weimerskirch and Councilmembers Erdman and Baumgart stated they feel the Ordinance should be taken under consideration, while Councilmember Ledebuhr stated he opposes any pay increases at this time. After a lengthy discussion, the item was tabled and will be considered at a future meeting.

The City Administrator reported the City will be receiving \$37,598 in Local Government Aid (LGA) and \$45,548 in Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC) in 2011. Mr. Matejka explained the City was originally certified to receive \$287,142 between the two programs, but due to the huge budget problem the State was facing going into 2011 the City conservatively budgeted only \$152,955 (\$49,622 in LGA and \$103,333 in MVHC)

in the 2011 budget. Therefore, the City will be receiving nearly \$204,000 less than the amount originally certified and approximately \$70,000 less than the amount included in the budget.

Councilmember Ledebuhr inquired about the amount remaining in the equipment bond fund. The City Administrator indicated the most recent purchase using these funds were two pickup trucks, and the only two items yet to be purchased with the remaining funds are a police squad and a snowplow truck. Mayor Weimerskirch inquired if there is flexibility in the use of the fund to which Mr. Matejka explained it could only be used for capital equipment purchases.

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

Adjournment at 5:35 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, August 8, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.