

City of Goodview
City Council Minutes
August 8, 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, Director of Public Works Greg Volkart, Fire Chief Rick Bambenek, and Maintenance II worker Dave Schultz.

Consent Agenda: Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Baumgart seconded the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. The agenda included the minutes of the July 25, 2011 regular City Council meeting, and electronic funds transfers for the 2007 Improvement Bond (\$27,323.75), the 2009A Re-Finance/Equipment Bond (\$21,787.50), and the 2008 Radium Project (\$228,768.43) all totally \$277,879.68.

All voted aye and the motion carried.

There was no community comment or input.

Councilmember Alexander pointed out he believes the City should look into the possibility of having an ordinance dealing with substandard buildings. He presented a copy of the City of Winona ordinance to the City Administrator for review. The Mayor congratulated and thanked both Terry Moore and Bruce Malewicki for their combined 41 years of service to the Goodview Volunteer Fire Department of which both are retiring from.

Representative Steve Draskowski was in attendance to discuss many different topics. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the recently completed legislative session, re-districting of legislative boundaries for the 2012 elections, and the state of the State in general.

During the Administrative Reports section of the agenda, the City Administrator gave the Council an overview of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities annual conference he attended last week in Grand Rapids. The Police Chief informed the Council that Winona County has posted the Emergency Management Director's position, and will be filling it in the next month or so. Greg Volkart highlighted a couple of projects/issues his department is dealing with. The first being there will be a pre-construction meeting for the Brom Woods drainage project, which will begin after Goodview Days. He also indicated the City Engineer will be looking into the drainage problems occurring at the intersection of 9th Street and 52nd Avenue. This area has problems especially after heavy rains.

The Goodview Police Department Incident report for July was reviewed by the Council.

The Building Permit report for July 2011 was reviewed.

The Goodview Fire Department meeting minutes from August 2, 2011 were reviewed. Fire Chief Bambenek told the Council his department is now at 28 volunteers after the two most recent retirements.

It was noted there is a change in when Representative Drazkowski will be holding his Town Hall meeting at Goodview City Hall. It will still be on Wednesday, August 24, but instead of starting at 7:00 p.m., it will now run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Councilmember Erdman moved and Councilmember Alexander seconded RESOLUTION NO. 0874, A PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION – POLICE OFFICERS DECLARATION RESOLUTION, be adopted. All voted aye and the Resolution was adopted.

Note: Councilmember Baumgart left the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The City Administrator presented the first draft of the 2012 revenue and expenditure budgets for both the General and Debt Service funds. The first draft calculates out to an increase of 3.226% in the City's tax rate for taxes payable in 2012. This equates to a tax levy increase of 5.97% over and above the 2011 levy. He noted this is just the first draft and he expects to be directed to make sure the second draft is lower. Mr. Matejka spent considerable time explaining to the Council a change in the Market Value Homestead Credit program. As a result of the past legislative session, this program is being eliminated in 2012, and being replaced with an "exclusion" of market value for most homeowners. The exact impact of this new law on the City of Goodview is very much unknown at this time, but it will definitely play a part in the final tax rate charged to City taxpayers. The City Administrator reiterated the fact the City needs to certify a preliminary levy by September 15, with a final certification taking place in December. He also reminded the Council a City can decrease its preliminary levy before December, but it can't increase it.

Councilmember Ledebuhr moved and Councilmember Erdman seconded to approve the application for a Drainlayer's License for Jake Wieser Construction, Inc. All voted aye and the motion carried.

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

Adjournment at 6:55 p.m.

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Goodview City Council will be on Monday, August 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Goodview City Hall.