

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING HELD OCTOBER 4, 2006

The governing body met in regular session on October 4, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room in the City Hall, the following members being present and participating, to wit: Commissioners Strecker, Hosie, Johnson, Jindra and Gilliland.

Absent: None.

Other Officers: City Manager Paine, Deputy City Clerk Deneault and City Attorney Uri.

The Mayor declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Larry Eubanks, Larry Remmenga, Danny Parker, Dana Cook, Janet Willis, Dr. Richard Underbakke, Ticia Malcut, Darlene Thimmes, Chelsey Stewart, Darrell Kearn, Bob Baumann, Ron Copple, Pat Gerard, Rex Gerard, Annette Gallagher, Dustin Gallagher, Mike Gallagher, Ted Collins, Ron Deal, Kirk Lowell, Jack Gould, Bob Burns, Ashley Meats, Laura Hansen, Steve Daily, Marvin Copple, Cheryl & Don Lanoue, Charlotte Doyen, Paul Justyna, John Luongo, Tim Halfhide, Jim Stromberg, Dennis Blochlinger, Gary Strait, Jessica LeDuc, Bob Burns and Toby Nosker.

Pastor Bob Burns, Wesleyan Church, provided the invocation before the city commission meeting.

Commissioner Gilliland moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2006, regular meeting. Commissioner Strecker seconded. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 18

APPROVED

Commissioner Hosie moved to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 18. Commissioner Gilliland seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Richard Underbakke, Cloud County Community College president was present to request a letter of support from the City Commission. The letter of support would be used by the college in the application process to obtain a wind turbine for the college. The application is due by February 2007. Commissioner Jindra made a motion to give a letter of support to the college. Commissioner Gilliland seconded. Motion carried.

Ticia Malcut and Darlene Thimmes addressed the commission asking for support and direction in regard to a recreation center. They felt Club 81 does not have the facilities to provide the teenagers with what they want to do. They also felt there should be an enforceable curfew so the teenagers couldn't just be out all night without supervision. Commissioner Gilliland stated that all of us are concerned and the challenge is what to do about it. He was in favor of doing whatever they could but the problem runs deeper than just providing another recreational center. There is already a recreational center and skateboard park at the city park and some of the kids end up going somewhere else. It's something we have to work on, but it is a societal issue. More rules and curfews only punish those who are not in trouble or abusing the system. Spending more money and building more facilities is not necessarily going to help the problem. We can look at utilizing the police department and recreation department as a way to help out. Until the parents get involved and know where their kids are, you are going to have a hard time solving this problem. The commission will be supportive any way they can be but building more facilities for the kids who may or may not use them is not going to solve the problem.

Rex Gerard asked if the flood control project study session was open to the public. City Manager Paine stated that the meeting was open to the public.

Annette Gallagher addressed the commission in regard to the curfew and other issues. She did not feel imposing a curfew was necessary and building more facilities is not going to change anything. The city did not need to take on the job of being a parent. It would be better if things were just left alone. There is only so much you can do and more rules and regulations will not help.

PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLE BIDS

Ron Copple, Director of Public Works, advised the commission the city did not receive any bids for a pickup truck for the Public Works Department. Mr. Copple will send request for bid letters out again in the next month.

ACCET BID FOR PUBLIC WORKS
SALT STORAGE BUILDING

STUPKA CONSTRUCTION

Ron Copple, Director of Public Works, advised the commission the city received two qualified proposals from local bidders for this project, with the bids as follows:

Stupka Construction	\$ 93,000.00
Budreau Construction	\$ 110,500.00

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Following discussion, Commissioner Strecker moved to accept the low bid from Stupka Construction for the salt storage building in the amount of \$93,000.00. Commissioner Hosie seconded. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-2925 – POLICE DOG ORDINANCE

PASSED

Thereupon there was presented an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE ABUSE OF OR INTERFERENCE WITH POLICE DOGS; AND AMENDING THE CONCORDIA CODE, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 14-7.

Thereupon, Commissioner Gilliland moved that said Ordinance be adopted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jindra. Said Ordinance was duly read and considered, and upon being put, the motion for the adoption of said Ordinance was carried by the vote of the governing body, the vote being as follows:

Aye: Commissioners Hosie, Johnson, Strecker, Jindra and Gilliland.

Nay: None.

Thereupon, the Ordinance having been received by at least two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the members of the governing body, the Mayor declared said Ordinance duly adopted and the Ordinance was then duly numbered Ordinance No. 2006-2925 and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the clerk.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER
COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Johnson asked how the police dog was purchased, where did the funds come from? City Manager Paine stated that it was paid for with funds from the police department. Mr. Johnson asked if those funds were in the 2007 budget or the 2006 budget. Mr. Paine stated that they were in the 2007 budget. They did not know about them when the 2006 budget was prepared, but there was a list of things presented to the commission prior to him coming on board. This list included the new police dog. Mr. Johnson asked if there was any money left at the police department. Mr. Paine said he thought there was \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 left out of \$11,000.00. Commissioner Johnson asked if they were going to get a report each month on how the money was being spent at the police department. Commissioner Gilliland stated he had a list if Charles needed to see one. The city manager stated he would start providing information each month on how the money was being spent.

Another item Commissioner Johnson inquired about was the sewer system the city would be installing to service the new veterinary clinic. He asked if the city could prepare their own set of figures on the costs of materials for the sewer system and the impact of BOD's on that system. This would be used as a comparison to the engineer's estimate.

Commissioner Jindra said he had heard there was still interest in the downtown improvement projects. He would like to see the commission discuss this issue at a future meeting or study session. With the Sampler Fest coming to Concordia he would like to see any unused funds carried over into the next year and possibly adding to those funds for downtown improvement.

STAFF COMMENTS

City Manager Paine wanted to inform the commission that Bruno Rehbein had completed the requirements for flood plain management. The city has received a letter stating that Bruno has passed the FEMA test and is now a certified flood plain manager.

Mayor Strecker announced there would be a study session following the meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner Hosie moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Strecker seconded. Motion carried.



Phil H. Deneault
Deputy City Clerk

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