

**City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
April 8, 2014**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – Mayor King called the meeting to order on April 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, Hanson, Stensrud, Timm and Burgr. Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Director Neubauer, Public Works Director Stevens, Asst. Fire Chief Mueller and City Clerk Roeder.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion by Stensrud, second by Burgr to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Timm, second by Hanson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of March 25, 2014. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Timm, second by Burgr to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of March 27, 2014. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET

A. Accounts Payable – Motion by Hanson, second by Stensrud to approve the accounts payable listing. Unanimously approved.

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Chicken Ordinance Request- Ten year old Cooper Reed appeared before the Council to ask for their consideration of an ordinance that would allow chickens within the city limits. He outlined the reasons he would like to own chickens, noting that the eggs are healthier, it would be a learning experience and entertaining. He presented a handout regarding community issues and concerns. Frank Harreld and Janelle Fox also spoke to the Council in favor of a chicken ordinance. Burgr stated that he was in favor of an ordinance, stating that raising chickens is a good outdoor activity. Hanson stated that he has concerns with an ordinance and future requests for other livestock. He noted that he felt there would be the potential for problems with neighboring dogs. Stensrud agreed with Hanson and asked that Staff contact other communities with ordinances. Timm stated that she also was concerned with dogs and hoped that a public hearing could be held. Roeder responded that the ordinance could fit into two different areas and a hearing would be advised so that Council could hear both sides of the issue. Mayor King thanked Cooper for coming before the Council with his presentation.

B. Rolling Ridge Transit- Erlene Welshons appeared before Council to update them on ridership. She noted that ridership has been very low during the 1st quarter noting that the weather was a contributing factor. She stated that the majority of the rides are going outside of Stewartville.

VII. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

VIII. MOTIONS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Park Board Appointment-Mayor King has received the resignation from Mike O'Byrne who is taking a coaching position with the Stewartville School District. Chairperson Jeff Beyer is recommending that Matt Grabau be appointed to fill out the position.

Motion by Stensrud, second by Burgr to appoint Matt Grabau. Unanimously approved.

VIII. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

A. Mayor- King commented on the following:

- Sympathy to the Families of: Bob Meyerhofer, Dale Olson, Bob Oelke, Peg Sanderson, Ruby Hanson, Alma Zimmerman, Terry Elliot and Darlene Peters.
- Happy 70th Birthday to Sharon Harberts on Sunday and Arden Harberts is celebrating his 72nd tomorrow!
- Happy 95th Birthday to Beulah Ankeny on Easter Sunday. Her sister Alvena Glynn shares the same birthday and will be 100.
- Community Garden plots are available and going fast.
- City Wide Clean Up Day – May 18th and May 21st
- Swim Lesson sign ups –April 30th and May 15th
- Stewartville Community Foundation Annual Dinner – April 13th
- Sons of the American Legion Spaghetti Supper – April 26th
- Congratulations to the Kiwanis for another successful "Food for Kidz".

B. Administrator-

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Working with School District on potential building sites. Different levels of City participation in regards to utilities.
- Safe Routes to School grant – awarded \$140,000.

C. Finance Director – Auditors will present to Council on May 13th

D. Public Works Director –

- Hydrant Flushing on April 28, 29 & 30
- Repairing pots holes
- Spring clean up

E. Library Director – No report

F. Fire Chief – Asst. Chief Muller presented the monthly update/calls/training. Open House on April 26th from 10-5.

IX. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Care Center- No report
- B. Chamber of Commerce – Qrtly Meeting Invite
- C. EDA/HRA – No report
- D. Finance- No report
- E. Library- No report
- F. Park Board – No report
- G. Personnel- No report
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee- Deputy Breitenbach stated that they will be concentrating on speed control on Main St.
- I. Planning & Zoning –No report
- J. Public Works- No report
- K. RAEDI – No report
- L. ROCOG- Minutes of Jan 17th
- M. SCCC/STEW19 – No report
- N. WWTF – No report

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Yaggy Colby Assoc. – Project Status Report

XI. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC

XII. ADJOURN – Motion by Hanson, second by Burgr to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk