

**City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
August 26, 2014**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – Mayor King called the meeting to order on August 26, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, Hanson, Stensrud, Timm and Burgr. Also Present: Finance Director Neubauer, Public Works Director Stevens, Library Director Johnson and Utilities Clerk Jacobs.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Hanson, second by Burgr to approve the minutes of the Council meeting of August 11, 2014. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Peoples Energy Cooperative – Elaine Garry, representing Peoples Coop made a presentation to the City Council asking for their support of the purchase of Interstate Power and Light Company's Service territory. Peoples goal will be to have all changes in place by December 31, 2014.

Motion by Burgr, second by Hanson to approve the Resolution in Support of the purchase of Interstate Power & Light Company Service Territory. For: Burgr,Hanson,King and Stensrud-Against: Timm. Motion Passed.

B. Chamber of Commerce – Gwen Ravenhorst appeared before Council to get approval for an Outdoor Event Application. Ravenhorst stated that the Chamber would like to have a Pets in the Park event at Florence Park on October 11th from 9am to 3pm. Ravenhorst requested City participation by providing barricades for the parking lots, moving picnic tables and providing bleachers for demonstrations.

Motion by Stensrud, second by Timm to Approve the Outdoor Event Application for Oct 11th. Unanimously approved.

- C. Beach Properties** - Gene Miller, representing Beach Properties, appeared before Council with an annexation request, noting that they would like a letter agreeing to annex 11.5 acres into the City limits in 20 years. Council discussed the request, noting that they felt there was no City need at this time.

Motion by Hanson, second by Burgr to deny the Beach Properties request for an annexation letter regarding 11.5 acres and to continue to follow our current Orderly Annexation Agreement with High Forest Township. Unanimously approved.

D. Budget Requests for 2015

Historical Society – Vicky Meredith , representing the Historical Society discussed budget needs that would include concerns with maintenance issues, storage issues and peeling paint for the Sears House.

Park Board – Jeff Beyer, representing the Park Board discussed projects that were started and or completed in the parks for 2014, ie. Sand Volleyball in Bear Cave, new restrooms at Bear Cave by SYAA building and at Meadow Park, new Trail on Hwy 63. The Park Board’s goal is to keep up with future growth.

Library – Librarian Pat Johnson presented her request noting the increase is for the automated sprinkling system which is required by state law.

E. Public Works – Maintenance 1 Position

Motion by Timm, second by Stensrud to approve the hiring of Jeff Harrison as a Maintenance 1 employee. Unanimously approved

F. Hwy 63 Path Lighting – Alliant Utilities will be installing new paw lighting along Hwy 63. The only cost to the city will be the monthly utility bill.

Motion by Hanson 2nd by Burgr to adopt Resolution 2014-24, A Resolution Calling for approval of Hwy 63 street lighting. Unanimously approved.

G. Agency Agreement for Safe Routes to School –

Motion by Timm, second by Burgr to adopt Resolution 2014-25, A Resolution to approve Agency Agreement with Minnesota Commissioner of Transportation. Unanimously approved.

IV. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

A. Mayor- King commented on the following:

- Sympathy to the Families of: Bill Tysseling, Lil Holland, Alvina Sharp, Steve Beaver and Diane Chisholm
- Thank you to the Businesses of NE Stewartville for their fun Dog Days Summer Celebration last week. Great variety of hot dogs and much more were served.

- Pool will be closing on Monday Sept 1st. Special hours for that day are listed on our website and the pools Facebook page. Huge thank you to Cheryl Terhaar, the lifeguards and the concessions staff for another safe and fun summer.
- Gardens are producing – stop out to Strikers Corner for the Farmer’s Market On Wednesdays from 4-7
- Trash & Treasurer Day – Sept 27th Check the STAR for more information
- Fall Festival – September 20th at Strikers Corner – Check the STAR for more details.
- School is just around the corner and if you are wanting to donate supplies drop them off at Eastwood Bank.

B. City Administrator–

- Bi-Weekly Report is in the packets

C. Finance Director –

- Budget Workshop – Sept 3rd 3:00pm

D. Public Works Director –

- The trail is moving along on Hwy 63
- Leaf pickup will be starting soon

E. Library Director – Report is in the packet

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Care Center- No report
- B. Chamber of Commerce – No report
- C. EDA/HRA – Minutes of August 19th
- D. Finance- Minutes of August 25th
- E. Library
- F. Park Board – Minutes of August 11
- G. Personnel- No report
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee- No report
- I. Planning & Zoning - No report
- J. Public Works- No report
- K. RAEDI – No report
- L. ROCOG- No report
- M. SCCC/STEW19 – No report
- N. WWTF – No report

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A.** Charter Communications - Correspondence for rate adjustments

X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC

Olmsted County Sheriff’s Department - Kevin Torgerson
Nels Pierson – State Representative Candidate

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Jacobs
Utilities Clerk