

**City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
October 14, 2014**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – Mayor King called the meeting to order on October 14, 2014 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, Hanson, Stensrud, Timm and Burgr. Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Public Works Director Stevens, Fire Chief Mueller and City Clerk Roeder.

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

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-
Motion by Hanson, second by Stensrud to approve Council meeting minutes of September 23, 2014. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Maplebrook Townhome Assoc. – Bruce Thompson, Maplebrook Townhome Assoc. President, appeared before the City Council to request that the City assume the responsibility of the walking/bike path and bridge. Thompson stated that this would put the path on the same status as other pathways in the City. He noted that this path generates far more use from the public than it does from the residents of Maplebrook Assoc. King questioned whether it would become a problem with residents if the public starts using it more regularly and at all times of the day/night. Thompson replied that he doesn't believe it will be a problem, noting that there is already a large group of user, who also have children on bikes, etc. Thompson noted that the path has recently been overlaid and the bridge was brought up to specs, per SEH/Yaggy Colby.

King stated that the Park Board will review the request and make recommendation to the City Council. Schimmel stated that the City would like a letter from the Townhome Assoc. and the residents, stating they won't object to public pedestrian traffic on the path.

B. Peoples Energy Cooperative – Line Superintendent, Warren Hauger appeared before Council to present a Capital Rebate check in the amount of \$1,237.65. King thanked Hauger and Peoples Energy Cooperative, stating that the City appreciates the relationship with Peoples Energy Cooperative and the help they have given the City in the past through donations and grants.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2015 CIP –Feasibility Study- City Engineer, David Strauss appeared before the Council to present the 2015 CIP Feasibility Study. Strauss stated that the project included 3rd Ave SE (600-800 block), 8th St. SE (200 block) and 6th Ave. SW (High School to Co. Rd. 6). Strauss noted that the existing condition of the infrastructure was studied and recommendations are presented in the Feasibility Study. Strauss presented the project cost estimate, breaking down 3rd Ave. & 8th St. SE at \$1,257,295 and 6th Ave SW at \$142,223. Strauss noted that the 2015 CIP project will restore and improve the streets and utilities to an acceptable condition.

Hanson questioned on whether 6th Ave. SW could be listed as an alternate, noting that one of the cuts to the 2015 Preliminary Budget was this street.

King questioned Strauss on whether SEH would have a full time inspector on the project and if they have the capabilities to GPS the project. King noted that there is a lag time between the end of the project and when the City received the "As Builts". Strauss stated that there would be a full time inspector and that GPS would occur during the project. He noted that he would coordinate with the City and would use their handheld equipment so that the information can be loaded directly into our data base.

Motion by Burgr, second by Hanson to approve Resolution 2014-34, A Resolution Receiving Feasibility Study and Calling Public Hearing on 2015 CIP Project. Unanimously approved.

B. 2014 Current Services –As per MN Statues 444.075 the City can assess for unpaid charges for current services. These charges include utilities, mowing, cleanup of property and a deferred assessment. Neubauer presented the outstanding charges to be assessed.

Motion by Burgr, second by Hanson to adopt Resolution 2014-35, a Resolution Adopting Special Assessments for Current Services. Unanimously approved.

C. Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 11 & 12- Roeder presented two ordinances for review and adoption. The language changes reflect current practice with sump pump/foundation drains configuration/connections; private utility main configuration/easements (dual main) and street signs.

Motion by Hanson, second by Timm to adopt Ordinance 2014-4, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 Utilities. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Timm, second by Stensrud to adopt Ordinance 2014-5, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12 Subdivisions. Unanimously approved.

IV. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

A. Mayor- King commented on the following:

- Sympathy to the Families of: Ethel Stockdale, Leonard Johnson, Coral Carlson, Betty Clark, Ruth Nevling and Francis Rodenz.

- Congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce and the Pets in the Park Committee for a great event this past weekend.
- Thank you to the Fire Department for a great fire prevention week and outstanding job at the open house and breakfast.

B. City Administrator–

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Regional LMC Meeting – Mantorville – October 23rd
- Peoples Energy Cooperative looking at Stewartville properties as a solar farm.

C. Finance Director –

- No report

D. Public Works Director –

- Leaf pickup has started
- Pumphouse project is completed except for the painting which will occur next spring
- Restroom projects should be completed within the month
- Brin Park Eagle Scout Project is near completion

E. Library Director –

- No report

F. Fire Chief Report –

- Monthly Report, noting that Fire Prevention week went very well. Swisher thanked the public for their support!
- Tanker specs are complete and presentation to Finance & Public Safety is scheduled for Oct 20th.

G. City Engineer –

- Monthly Project Status Report

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Care Center- No report
- B. Chamber of Commerce – October Newsletter
- C. EDA/HRA – Minutes of Sept 16th
- D. Finance- No report
- E. Library- No report
- F. Park Board – No report
- G. Personnel- No report
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee- No report
- I. Planning & Zoning – No report
- J. Public Works- No report
- K. RAEDI – Minutes of Aug 26th
- L. ROCOG- No report
- M. SCCC/STEW19 – No report
- N. WWTF – O&M Report

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

A. SEMLM Newsletter

X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder, City Clerk