

**City of Stewartville  
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
Stewartville City Hall  
July 14, 2015**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** – Mayor King called the meeting to order on July 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, Stensrud, Timm, Uptagrafft and Anderson. Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Director Neubauer, Public Works Director Stevens, and City Clerk Roeder.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Uptagrafft, second by Timm to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-**  
Motion by Timm, second by Stensrud to approve Council meeting minutes of June 23, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Timm, second by Stensrud to approve the Council meeting minutes of June 30, 2015. Unanimously approved.

**V. FINANCE AND BUDGET**

Motion by Stensrud, second by Uptagrafft to approve the accounts payable listing. Unanimously approved.

**VI. PRESENTATIONS/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**VII. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. 2016 CIP** – City Engineer David Strauss, SEH appeared before Council to present the Feasibility Study for the 2016 CIP. Strauss stated that the project consisted of 4<sup>th</sup> St. NE (100-300 block), 5<sup>th</sup> St. NE (100 block), 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE (100 block) and 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW (high school to Co Rd 6). Strauss explained that the project will cost an estimated \$2,286,082, noting that \$343,824 would be assessed to residents who live along the streets scheduled for the improvement.

King questioned the cost of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SW and questioned other options. Strauss noted that an option would be to minimize the width to 24' vs 40'. Council was concerned about the cost and asked for clarification from Olmsted County as to why and when the road was widened. Strauss also stated that during the bidding process, 6<sup>th</sup> Ave SW could be listed as an alternate.

Motion by Anderson, second by Uptagrafft to approve Resolution 2015-17, Receiving Feasibility Study and Calling Public Hearing on 2016 Street & Utility Improvements. Unanimously approved.

**B. Olmsted County HRA Request -** Mayor King received a letter from Olmsted County Board Chair, Paul Wilson regarding the extension of a new Olmsted County HRA levy taxing district to taxable parcels within the City of Stewartville. The Olmsted County Commissioners decided to authorize a special levy to help promote affordable housing initiatives through the OCHRA. It was noted that the County would like to levy this tax equitably on all taxable parcels across the county. Due to Stewartville having their own HRA and tax levying authority, the City's written permission by Resolution is required.

County Commissioner Matt Flynn and County Administrator Dick Devlin were in attendance to answer questions. King stated that he had concerns that the County had no definite parameters' on how the money would be used at this time. Flynn stated that it would be used for low income/affordable housing but there were no plans in place on how to implement. Councilmembers Stensrud, Timm and Uptagrafft felt that there were no guarantees that the money would come back to Stewartville. Stensrud stated that he was concerned with affordable housing, yet the State keeps adding to the building code, which drives up the cost of projects.

Flynn responded that there would be a good chance Stewartville would benefit from the affordable housing that comes from the tax money. He stated that the County has a good history of disbursing tax payments throughout the County.

King asked if they would be giving up their ability to use the City's HRA. Devlin responded that the City could still use their HRA but would be taxing our residents twice. King also asked who decides what is affordable housing, noting that three people would give three different answers. Flynn stated that the HRA would become a department that they would look at each year.

Motion by Stensrud to deny the request due to the uncertainty of the program, Timm seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Stensrud, Timm, Uptagrafft and King. Voting against: Anderson. Motion carried.

**C. Striker's Liquor License Transfer-** Striker's is requesting to utilize MN State Statute 340A.404 Sub 4, to sell intoxicating liquor at the Civic Center for a wedding on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Anderson, second by Stensrud to approve the license transfer as requested. Unanimously approved.

## **VIII. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS**

**A. Mayor-** King commented on the following:

- Sympathy to the Families of: Bob Warren, Dennis Stevens, Philip Chamberlain, Gaylord Mudra, Lucile Blumentritt and Clarence Stoltenberg
- Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to David & Bette Preuss
- Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Viny Byrne
- Progress 63-90 is reaching out for ideas. Contact Gwen at the Chamber if you are interested in the future of Stewartville

- Tuesdays Off Main – Remember to support the vendors so they come back each week.
- Racine Lions 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chicken Dinner & BBQ Saturday starting at 4pm
- Root River Power Show also this weekend
- American Legion Breakfast Buffet Sunday – July 26<sup>th</sup>
- Grace Church is sponsoring music at Florence Park on July 26th

**B. City Administrator–**

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Thank you to everyone who made the Summerfest a great event

**C. Finance Director – No report**

**D. Public Works Director –**

- CIP paving to begin next week
- Tour of area WWTF
- Street patching/curbing projects started
- N city hall curbing was finished

**E. Library Director – No report**

**F. Fire Chief Report – No Report**

**G. City Engineer – Monthly Status Report**

**IX. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS**

- A. Chamber of Commerce – Progress 63-90 Invite
- B. EDA/HRA – No report
- C. Finance- No report
- D. Library- No report
- E. Park Board – Minutes of July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>
- F. Personnel- Minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup>
- G. Planning & Zoning - Minutes of June 30<sup>TH</sup>
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee- No report
- I. Public Works- No report
- J. RAEDI – No report
- K. ROCOG- No report
- L. STEW180– No report
- M. Transit Advisory Committee – No report
- N. WWTF –O&M Report

**X. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. SEMLM July 30<sup>th</sup> Mtg
- B. Olmsted County Sheriff's Newsletter

**C. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC - None**

**D. ADJOURN** – Motion by Stensrud, second by Uptagrafft to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder  
City Clerk