

**City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
November 10, 2015**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – Mayor King called the meeting to order on November 10, 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 Anderson, second by Timm to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Timm, second by Uptagrafft to approve Council meeting minutes of October 27, 2015. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET

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

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Park Board Update – Chairperson Jeff Beyer appeared before the Council to update them on the Bear Cave Amphitheater design contest. He stated that the contest rules were approved by the Park Board and they would be kicking off the contest at Winterfest. He noted that the contest would end on March 1st. The Park Board is working closely with the Stewartville Area Community Foundation which will be providing the \$500 to the winning design. He noted that the SAFC is also hosting the first annual SE MN Toast & Taste on April 1st with all proceeds going towards the Bear Cave Amphitheater project.

B. 2016 CIP –Neubauer informed Council that during the discussion on the 2016 CIP Feasibility Study concerns were noted in regards to the cost of a total reconstruction that was proposed. City Engineer Strauss is now recommending changing the design to a “reclaim and overlay” project. This would be to reclaim the roadway, salvage the reclaim material, prepare the subgrade with any desired correction, place the salvaged reclaim material and any additional aggregate and then pave. The subdrain and sand section (1’) would be eliminated. Stensrud questioned whether this would change the expected longevity of the roadway. Schimmel stated that this is a middle of the road concept, noting that the Council wasn’t interested in just a mill/overlay which wouldn’t last long. Timm questioned if the path would be a separate project. Schimmel stated that it wasn’t a separate path but that stripping would be painted for pedestrian use. Discussion was held on allowing parking vs no parking and if a pedestrian path was needed in this area. Schimmel reminded Council that the 6th St. SW project would still be listed as an alternate bid.

Motion by Timm, second by Uptagrafft to approve the reclaim/overlay project. Unanimously approved.

- C. 2015 Employee Health/Dental Plans** – Insurance agent, Janice Domke has approached the City with a proposal to change our insurance companies from Health Partners to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Neubauer stated that the insurance was compatible with what we currently have. She noted that the premium would go up 7.57% (current policy was going up 7.81%) but employees would have a lower deductible - \$2,000/\$4,000. The Personnel Committee is recommending approval of the change. It was also noted that our dental plan with Delta Dental would increase 5%.

Motion by Stensrud, second by Uptagrafft to approve the policies with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Delta Dental. Unanimously approved.

- D. 2016 Employee Health Savings Plan-** Neubauer stated that when reviewing the 2016 HSA as to employer and employee costs it was discovered that the language in the Union Contract and Personnel Policy did not refer to the division of costs by percentage but only by an amount not to exceed. As the deductible amount increased the language was changed to include a “not to exceed amount”. Now, as the deductible is below the original amount it is unclear as to how the cost share should be divided. The Personnel Committee, Union and employees have reviewed the current language and are recommending that the language be changed to reflect the original intent that was established in 2004, employee pays 35% and employer pays 65% towards the deductible.

Motion by Timm, second by Uptagrafft to approve the language change regarding the HSA deductible as presented. Unanimously approved.

VII. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

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

- Sympathy to the Families of: Sharon Newman, Nick Smith, Duane Collins, Bernice Miller, Don Redman, Reggie Yule, Paul Caflich, Dennis Thompson and Wes Anderson
- Congrats to Stewartville Volleyball, Football, Cross Country and Bowling for a great season!
- Turkey Day 5K – contact Grace Church for more information.
- Winterfest is just around the corner! Starting planning your float or decorate a wreath – make this a great community event.
- Center for Active Adults will be selling their Christmas cut out cookies – order yours soon! Plus don't forget that they are serving breakfast on Monday mornings.

- B. City Administrator-**

- Bi-Weekly Report

- C. Finance Director –**

- Reminder of the Truth & Taxation Mtg on Dec 1st

- D. Public Works Director –**

- Both NW projects have started
- Leaf pick up program continues
- Working on preliminary work to take over WWTP

- E. Library Director –No Report**

- F. Fire Chief Report – No Report**

- G. City Engineer – Project Status Report**

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Chamber of Commerce –Qrtly Mtg – Nov 19th
- B. EDA/HRA – Minutes of Oct 20th
- C. Finance- Minutes of Oct 19th
- D. Library- No report
- E. Park Board – No report
- F. Personnel- Minutes of Oct 27th
- G. Planning & Zoning - No report
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee- No report
- I. Public Works- No report
- J. RAEDI – Minutes of Sept 22nd & Fly Rochester Program
- K. ROCOG- No report
- L. STEW180– No report
- M. Transit Advisory Committee – Minutes of Oct 27th
- N. WWTF – September O&M Report

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC - None

XI. ADJOURN – Motion by Anderson, second by Uptagrafft to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk