

**City of Stewartville
City Council Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
May 10, 2016**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL Mayor King called the meeting to order on May 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, Stensrud, Anderson, Timm and Uptagrafft. Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Director Neubauer, Public Works Director Stevens, Fire Chief Swisher and City Clerk Roeder.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Stensrud, second by Anderson to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Anderson, second by Uptagrafft to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET

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

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Outdoor Event –Chamber Coordinator Ravenhorst appeared before Council to get approval of the Summerfest Outdoor Event application. Ravenhorst stated that due to July 4th being on a Monday, they were changing the dance to Saturday, July 2nd and on Sunday would be holding a community picnic at noon followed by a movie in the park later that evening. She also noted that the parade route would be changed due to 4th St. NE being under construction.

Ravenhorst also asked for consideration of the liquor license for the July 2nd dance.

Motion by Stensrud, second by Anderson to approve the Outdoor Event application and liquor license approval as requested. Unanimously approved.

B. Tree Ordinance Amendments: Mayor King reported at the April 13th workshop discussion was held in regards to the MnDNR requirement to have an Emerald Ash Borer plan and ordinance, noting that Council passed the policy at their April 26th meeting.

Discussion was also held in regards to boulevard trees and the damage that they may cause if the roots penetrated storm sewer catch basins. It was noted that with the trees being on city property the liability would fall on the city. Council stated that although they recognize that boulevard trees enhance a neighborhood, it was in the best interest of the City to not allow trees to be planted in boulevards. It was noted that trees that were currently planted would not be removed, but would not be replaced once removed. Mayor King read the first reading of the Ordinance:

Ordinance 2016 – Section 630 Trees

630.01 Declaration of Policy; 630.02 Definitions; 630.03 Scope and Adoption by Reference; 630.04 Unlawful Act; 630.05 Inspection, Diagnosis and Abatement; 630.06

Abatement of Nuisance; 630.07 Procedure or Removal of Infected Trees and Wood; 630.08 Spraying Trees; 630.09 Transporting Wood Prohibited; 630.10 Interference Prohibited; 630.11 Subsidies and Ordinance 2016 – Section 600.03 – Planting Trees, Shrubs and Bushes on the Boulevard Portion of a Street

VII. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

A. Mayor- King commented on the following:

- Sympathy to the Families of: Lorraine Balas, Joe Holt, Alice Adamson, Morris Kolstad, Arlie Wyant, Peg Ames, Ray McCready and Lil Ringey.
- Congrats to Doug & Jo Johnson on their 50th Anniversary
- Congrats to Tony & Carol Chihak on their 60th Anniversary
- Morning Lions will be holding a benefit for Martin Souhrada on May 21st starting at 10am. Martin is fighting brain cancer and sadly, his wife Mickey died unexpectedly last evening.
- Stewie Cruisers are up and running every Friday night at Striker's from 5-8
- Farmer's Market is opening on Wednesday, May 25th at Strikers Corner
- Sam Becker Memorial 5K will be held on May 21st. Contact Anytime Fitness to sign up.
- Our annual clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 18th. Check our website and STAR for more information.

Mayor King also reported that he, Uptagrafft, Schimmel and High Forest Township board member Oelke met with Senator Carla Nelson and Representative Nels Pierson in regards to 15th Ave. NE, hoping to set the ground work for the next transportation bill. They also toured our wastewater treatment plan.

B. City Administrator-

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Operation Round Up Grant was received in the amount of \$830 for the Pool.

C. Finance Director

- No Report

D. Public Works Director –

- NW sewer line to the school is completed
- Blacktopping across 10th St. NW/Co Rd 35 is completed
- 11th Ave. NW is going well
- CIP has stopped due to rain
- Hauling sludge
- Removed trees along the Brin Park pathway

E. Library Director -

- Monthly Report

F. Fire Chief Report –

- Reported on safety training updates
- \$500 donation was received from Harley Owners Assoc
- Memorial Flags will be placed on all past firefighters graves
- Reinstalling Fire Dept sign in the back of the building

G. City Engineer – No report

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Chamber of Commerce: Purchased a pet station for the parks
- B. EDA/HRA: No report
- C. Finance: Minutes of May 3rd
- D. Library: No report
- E. Park Board: Uptagrafft gave a brief update on park board meeting, noting the minutes would be in the next packet.
- F. Personnel: No report
- G. Planning & Zoning: No report
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee: No report
- I. Public Works: No report
- J. RAEDI: Minutes of Feb 23rd & March 9th
- K. ROCOG: No report
- L. STEW180: No report
- M. Transit Advisory Committee: No report

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Sheriff's Dept May Newsletter
- B. Say Good-Bye to Central – May 20th

X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC -Berkley Ravenhorst spoke in regards to Central School and the meaning that it has to the public.

XI. ADJOURN – Motion by Anderson, second by Timm. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk