

**City of Stewartville
City Council Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
February 9, 2106**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL Mayor King called the meeting to order on February 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, Stensrud, 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 Stensrud to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Stensrud, second by Uptagrafft to approve the regular Council meeting minutes of January 25, 2016. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Stensrud, second by King to approve the special Council-Township meeting minutes of February 4, 2016. Unanimously approved.

V. FINANCE AND BUDGET

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

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2016 CIP– City Engineer Strauss appeared before Council with the results of the bid opening held earlier that day. He noted that the low bidder was Swenke Construction in the amount of \$1,259,637. He noted that the street work was for 6th Ave. SW, 5th St. NE, 4th St. NE and 3rd Ave. NE.

Motion by Uptagrafft, second by Anderson to approve Resolution 2016-1-, A Resolution Receiving Bids and Award the Contract to Swenke Construction. Unanimously approved.

B. LGA – Request to Increase Support- The Coalition of Greater MN Cities is encouraging Stewartville’s support in requesting \$45.5 million increase for the LGA program, which would bring funding back to the 2002 level. With the projected surplus of over \$1billion, Mn has a prime opportunity this year to invest in a modest LGA increase to strengthen cities across the state.

Motion by Anderson, second by Uptagrafft to approve Resolution 2016-11 A Resolution In Support of Increasing Local Government Aid. Unanimously approved.

VII. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

A. Mayor- King commented on the following:

- Sympathy to the Families of: Tom Henke, Harley Flathers, Ruth Polkowske, Richard Moran, Matthew Krapf, Shirley Lowrie, Edna Hazelton, Bill Koch, Lyle Reinsvold and Larry Raadt
- Mayo Clinic Blood Drive will be at Anytime Fitness on Feb 16th
- American Legion will be hosting a Fish Fry on Feb 12th and Spaghetti Dinner on Feb 13th

- 22nd Annual Pancake Supper – Ironwood Springs Christian Ranch – Monday Feb 15th
- Library program – “Hot Reads for Cold Nights” has returned during the month of February
- Valentine Story Time w/Mrs Nancy will be held at the Library on Feb 13th
- SE MN Wrestling Assoc will be honoring the Kuisle Family with the first-ever Wrestling Family Legacy Award and to Al Chihak for being inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Congratulations!
- Congrats to Ann Lutteke for receiving the Chamber’s Volunteer of the Year award and Owen Sass was given an award for his outstanding service to the Chamber during his years with the City.

B. City Administrator–

- Bi-Weekly Report
- Home Show Updates – Positive comments on Stewartville

C. Finance Director –

- No report

D. Public Works Director –

- Water/Wastewater Monthly Report
- NW project – Elcor started up again
- Continuing to remove snow from last storm
- Closed Meadow Park Hockey Rink. Council discussed the need to continue with a family friendly park during winter months and asked public works for ideas on how to keep ice

E. Library Director - No report

F. Fire Chief Report – No report

G. City Engineer – Monthly status report

VIII. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- A. Chamber of Commerce – Weekly e-news
- B. EDA/HRA – No report
- C. Finance- No report
- D. Library- No report
- E. Park Board – No report
- F. Personnel- No report
- G. Planning & Zoning - 2015 Building Permit Summary
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee- No report
- I. Public Works- No report
- J. RAEDI – No report
- K. ROCOG- Minutes of Oct 23rd
- L. STEW180– No report
- M. Transit Advisory Committee – No report.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. SEMLM Communication
- B. Sheriff’s Office February Newsletter
- C. SE MN Together – Mtg Notice
- D. Public Utilities Commission – Hearing Notice

- X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC** - Gary Platz – 303 Georgetown Dr. SE appeared before Council to discuss his concerns with snowmobiles using the Georgetown trail and how to contain so they don't drive on his property. Also suggested that stop signs be added to the side streets as there is more and more traffic and has experienced a few near misses. Council thanked him for addressing his concerns with them and Deputy Breitenbach will check into this further.
- XI. ADJOURN** – Motion by Anderson, second by Uptagrafft to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk