

**City of Stewartville  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Stewartville City Hall  
September 26, 2017**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** Mayor King called the meeting to order on September 26, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, Anderson, Uptagrafft, Beyer and Oeltjen. Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, City Engineer Obernolte, Public Works Supervisor Hale, Library Director Johnson and City Clerk Roeder

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Uptagrafft, second by Beyer to approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to approve the Council minutes of September 12, 2017. Unanimously approved.

**V. FINANCE AND BUDGET –**

Accounts Payable - Motion by Uptagrafft, second by Anderson to approve the accounts payable listing. Unanimously approved.

**VI. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. 2017 CIP –** Mayor King stated that construction is almost completed and asked Council to declare the costs to be assessed and to set an assessment hearing for Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at the fire hall.

Motion by Uptagrafft, second by Oeltjen to adopt Resolution 2017-22, A Resolution Declaring Costs to be Assessed and Ordering Preparation of Proposed Assessment for the 2017 CIP. Unanimously approved.

Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to adopt Resolution 2017-23, A Resolution Calling Hearing on Assessments for 2017 Capital Improvements. Unanimously approved.

**B. 2018 CIP – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE –** Mayor King reported that the Finance Committee was recommending that the Council add the 100 Block of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE to the 2018 CIP. It was noted that the private sewer line that runs behind the properties is in need of repairs and although it was slated for improvement in 2019/2020, it is felt that the project should be done in 2018.

Motion by Beyer, second by Uptagrafft to adopt Resolution 2017-24, A Resolution Calling Public Hearing on 2018 CIP for the 100 Block of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE. Unanimously approved.

**C. Payment Request – 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE Sewer Line Cleaning-** The Public Works Committee recently reviewed a request from homeowners in the 100 Block of 5<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to pay the cost (\$2,334.65) of a sewer line cleaning due to a backup. The call came in during the weekend and City personnel authorized a portion of the work. It was noted that this was found to be a private line after investigation of the ownership.

Mayor King question Beyer and Uptagrafft as to what amount they were recommending for payment. Beyer stated that they felt the City should pay 100% of the billing due to the confusion of the private/public lines. Uptagrafft stated that he didn't feel the burden should be placed on the home owners for a line that was installed 50-60 years ago. King asked the

homeowners in attendance if they would share in the costs. He noted that since the cleaning was done, two other backups occurred that the homeowners paid. King stated that although the wrong information was given at the time, he stated that the service call was placed due to the emergency. He stated that although he was sympathetic to their situation and is sorry that the line has failed, he doesn't feel it is fair to the taxpayers to pay 100% of the bill, especially when the cleaning was clearly needed.

Anderson stated that can see both sides but also feels he needs to justify the cost to the citizens. He asked if the homeowners would be willing to reach a compromise on the bill, such as \$400. It was indicated that they would participate in the cost share.

Motion by Anderson, second by Beyer to charge the homeowners \$400 and that the City would pay the remaining amount. Voting in favor: Anderson, Beyer, Uptagrafft and Oeltjen. Voting against: King. Motion carried.

**D. ICE Report-** The City has received requests from the current property owners in the Schumann Business Park as well as from inquiries from prospective buys on the need for a stoplight at Hwy 63 & Schumann Dr. NW. The EDA contracted with SEH to prepare an Intersection Control Evaluation Report (ICE) for this intersection. The report has been completed with the results that a stoplight wouldn't be warranted until 2022. A full copy of the report is on file at City Hall. The City will forward the report and will continue their efforts to bring the proposed street light project to MnDOT.

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

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

- Sympathy to Families of: Don Markstrom, Bill Urlick and Brandon Roesch
- Stewartville Firefighters will be cooking breakfast for us on Sunday Oct 8<sup>th</sup> from 8-Noon at the American Legion. Be sure to support these dedicated men & women!!
- Thank you to the Morning Lions Club for all their hard work on the Fall Festival!
- Thank you to the Stewartville Area Foundation for all their hard work on the Bear Cave BBQ Bash!

**B. City Administrator-**

- Bi-Weekly Report

**C. Finance Director -**

- No Report

**D. Public Works Supervisor –**

- Bi-Weekly Report

**E. Library Director -**

- Monthly Report

**F. Fire Chief Report –**

- No Report

**G. City Engineer –**

- Obernolte gave a brief progress to date report on various projects

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

- A. Chamber of Commerce: No Report
- B. EDA/HRA: No Report
- C. Finance: Minutes of Sept 6th
- D. Library: No Report
- E. Park Board: Minutes of Sept 11<sup>th</sup>
- F. Personnel: No Report
- G. Planning & Zoning: No Report
- H. Public Safety/Safety Committee: No Report
- I. Public Works: Minutes of Sept 21<sup>st</sup>
- J. RAEDI: No Report
- K. ROCOG: No Report
- L. STEW180: No Report
- M. Transit Advisory Committee: No Report

**IX. COMMUNICATIONS**

**X. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC**

- XI. ADJOURN** – Motion by Anderson, second by Oeltjen to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder  
City Clerk