

**WELCOME CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Welcome City Council was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the city hall.

Present: Mayor Eric Anderson; Council Members H. Bocky Borchardt, John Borchardt, Wes Strausser, Louis Weyer and City Clerk/Treasurer Deborah Hansen

Also Present: Gary Warriner, Mary Williams, Mary Ann DeBus, Ed Able, Don Saxen, Ryan Anderson, Dalton Holm, Phil Burgess, Bill Petersen, Duane Rosburg, Bruce Johnson, Robert Swanson, Randy Quiring, Larry Fullerton, Roger and Britt Morris, Keith and Carol Thiesse, Francis Smith, Rosalie Newville, Sarah Barker, Amy Feely, Pat Feely, Jodi Hemann, Mary Cole, Robert Young, James Wohlhuter, Craig Stribbe, Dolly Joyce, Neil Hiatt and Max Longley from Public Works and Council Members Elect John Larson and David Cook, Jon Saxen Welcome Fire Relief Association, Matt Brand and Brad Potter from I & S Group.

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Motion by Bocky Borchardt, sec. by Weyer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 5, 2008 as written and sent to each council member for study. Carried 5-0.

Jon Saxen from the Fire Department presented the Annual Relief Association Retirement Report to the council. In 2009 the city is only required to make a \$327 contribution to the Relief Association. Jon Saxen proposed the city make an increase from \$800 to \$850 per volunteer member to the retirement association. Motion by Bocky Borchardt, sec. by Anderson to grant the increase effective January 1, 2009. Carried 5-0.

Brad Potter from I & S explained the utility rate study to the citizens. The recommendations of the study was to increase the water/sewer maintenance fee to \$32.00. Concerns from residents were heard by the council. The citizens understand the updates that need to be done to the infrastructure of the water and sewer utilities and want the costs associated to be equitable among all users. Many ideas will be evaluated and the rate changes will be reevaluated and presented at the December 2, 2008 meeting. The clerk was instructed to follow the same procedure for the public notice and letter to the utility users. After many citizens left the council meeting, Matt Brand and Brad Potter from I & S Group discussed a couple of different scenarios to propose at the next meeting.

Motion by Anderson, sec. by Strausser to table Resolution 2008-26 Establishing the Rate Change to the Water/Sewer Utilities until further information is received from I & S. Carried 5-0.

Ordinance Number 24 was introduced Establishing a Storm Sewer Utility. The next meeting it will be acted upon and then published.

Bocky Borchardt explained the liability coverage waiver form from the LMCIT. Motion by Anderson, sec. by Weyer to waive the tort limit. Carried 5-0.

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Bocky Borchardt explained the city could purchase an umbrella policy. For an additional \$1,000,000 in coverage would cost the city \$1500 and for \$2,000,000 would be \$3000. Consensus of the council is to stay with the coverage the city presently has. Motion by Anderson, sec. by Weyer to reject the additional umbrella coverage. Carried 5-0.

The following zone report was accepted: N & W Agronomy 300 1st St. to remodel and expand rinse pad and put three 30,000 gallon tanks in dike, and Douglas Gerhardt 121 North Dugan addition on an existing building.

Motion by Weyer, sec. by Strausser to accept the October Welcome Legion Charitable Gambling Report. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Anderson, sec. by Strausser to accept the October Fox Lake Conservation Club Charitable Gambling Report. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Anderson, sec. by Weyer and carried to accept the following October Police Report: 911 Hang/up-1, Alarm-2, Animal Complaint-11, Assault-1, Assist MCSO-4, Assist MSP-2, Assist Other-2, ATL-1, Burglary-1, Civil Issue-4, Civil Standby-1, Crash 10/50-2, Criminal Damage/Property-2, Disturbance-3, Fraud-1, Funeral Escort-3, Harassment-1, House Watch-1, Informational-2, Intoxicated Person (not driving)-3, JV Nuisance-3, Liquor Violation-1, Medical/Sherburn-6, Miscellaneous-2, Motorist Assist-1, MV Damage-2, NSF Checks-3, OFP Violation-1, Open Door/Window-2, Ordinance Violation-1, Parking Complaint-3, Runaway-2, Suicide (& Attempts)-1, Suspicious Circumstances-1, Theft-6, Threats-1, Traffic Stops-15, Truancy-1, Warrant Service-1, Total Arrests: 2, Total Citations: 11. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Anderson, sec. by Bocky Borchardt to enter into closed session.

Safety was discussed with personnel.

Motion by Anderson, sec. by Strausser to return to open session. Carried 5-0.

Motion by Bocky Borchardt, sec. by Anderson to adjourn at 9:50p.m. Carried 5-0.

Deb Hansen
City Clerk/ Treasurer

