

LAKE PARK CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2009

The regular meeting of the Lake Park City Council was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Zachariason at the City Center. Members present: Pepper, Abbott, Zachariason, Holloway, Crabtree. Members absent: Others present: Lonnie Neuner, Charles Ramstad, Phyllis Sagen, Seam Mork, Don Qualley.

CONSENT AGENDA

- * Approve Minutes of 11-9-09 Council meeting.
- * Approve Minutes of 11-24-09 interviews.
- * Approve Minutes of 12-1-09 interviews.
- * Approve Minutes of 12-7-09 Truth in Taxation meeting.
- * Approve Bills.
- * Approve Additional Bills

--Motion/Pepper; Second/Crabtree to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

--Paula Vareberg wanted to discuss that she wanted the city to refund her \$70 that she had to pay for someone to fix her gas leak problem. Was decided to call the vendor and ask if or any of the bill was for relighting.

--Annette Guntermen did not show up.

--Tyson Hjceck from Moore Engineering explained the situation with footprints in pavement on newly paved street.

--Motion/Abbot; Second/Pepper to pay CSI \$37,649.57 for the work done contingent upon passing density tests. Carried unanimously.

--Tyson explained the possible PFA loans in 2010 and what could happen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT- Vance Larson

LIQUOR STORE - Phyllis Sagen

--Discussed inventory will take place on Jan. 1st – 8:00 am.

--Discussed the Liquor Stores drawing for trip and TV.

--Phyllis talked about her discussion with Vance about various situations.

--Motion/Abbott; Second/Pepper to approve renewal of lease between Liquor Store and Fire Department.

Carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Sean Mork

-- Motion/Pepper; Second/Crabtree to approve police report and schedule. Carried unanimously.

--Sean explained what lighting he would like on the new squad car.

--Council and Sean discussed pricing and option for lighting.

--Motion/Crabtree; Second/Pepper to approve purchasing squad car lights for \$800. Carried unanimously. Jason Abbot abstained from voting due to conflict of interests.

--Sean explained details for new police officer starting and the options and cost involved with doing the background check.

UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS – Don Qualley

--Discussed what to charge per house for the storm utility fund.

--Jeff Romberg asked why would commercial property cost 5 times more? Question was answered by Charlie.

- Motion/Abbott; Second/Pepper to approve resolution for \$1.00 per month charge for residential property for the Storm Utility Fund. Roll call taken. Carried unanimously.
- Motion/Crabtree; Second/Abbott to approve write off uncollectable amount of \$5,366.71 for utilities. Carried unanimously.
- Don talked about Hovde's storage unit and that MNDOT called him about it.
- Discussion took place about whether to raise electric charges or not due to the cost to purchase electric will go up in January.

CLERK'S OFFICE – Lonnie Neuner

- Motion/Abbott; Second/Pepper to approve destroying records that can be destroyed within the rules of records retention. Carried unanimously.
- Motion/Abbott; Second/Pepper to approve renewing membership with Lakes Country Service Coop. Carried unanimously.
- Motion/Pepper; Second/Holloway to approve appointment of Jason Abbott for one year and Peterson, Braaten and Pepper for 6 years. Carried unanimously.
- Motion/Abbott; Second/Pepper to approve tobacco license for Liquor Store and Bud's. Carried unanimously.
- Motion/Crabtree; Second/Abbott to approve renewal of Games Unlimited lease with the Liquor Store. Carried unanimously.
- Discussion about where does the cost of living increase numbers come from.
- Abbott would like some kind of way to logically come up with a number.
- Was discussed that annual reviews should take place.
- Keith gave a short performance evaluation for Lonnie & Sean.
- Lonnie gave short evaluation of Carla & Steph.
- Crabtree talked about he would like to see a yearly review for all employees.
- Motion/Abbott; Second/Crabtree to approve salary step changes for Sean Mork, Todd Frank, Carla Nelson, Stephanie Poegel and Lonnie Neuner. Carried unanimously.
- Motion/Crabtree; Second/Abbott to approve \$2,000 commitment per year to the Lake Park Alert Team for 3 years. Carried unanimously.
- Discussion about paying city employees on a hourly wage or salary.

TRUTH IN TAXATION-

- Motion/Pepper; Second/Crabtree to approve 2010 budget and certify 2010 levy. Carried unanimously.

OTHER ISSUES-

- Abbott promoting new business for the city and to promote the existing businesses.
- Crabtree spoke about the new signs.

- Motion/Abbott; Second/Crabtree to adjourn at 9:52.

THESE MINUTES WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY APPROVED UNTIL THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 11, 2009.