

City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting
August 10, 2009

Erskine City Council met in regular session, Monday, August 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Noyes, Council Members: Jim Herdliska, Travis Keeler, Rod Morinville, Marc Plante, and Clerk Treasurer Sharon Kotrba.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved the agenda with additions. Carried.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante approved city minutes from July 13. Carried.

Members of the Fire Relief Assoc. who is qualified for a retirement benefit but who has not reached the age of 50 years may retire from the Erskine Fire Department without forfeiting their right to such retirement. Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler amended the Relief Assoc. Bylaws to read that the association shall not pay interest to deferred members. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved changing the firefighter application requiring training on NFPA 1001 and adding a probationary period subject to six months followed by an evaluation. Carried.

Council elected not to move forward with the proposed water and sewer projects with funding through Rural Development offering a grant of 45%. Not affordable at this time to add a debt service of \$1,630,000.00.

Motion by Plante seconded by Morinville approved a street dance on August 15th sponsored by Dani's up North. With liquor not being served outdoors additional insurance is not required. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved monthly bills in the amount of \$19,945.79. Carried.

The Fire Relief Association annual report was tabled until September since the report was not available.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska changed the status of Dave Bauer to interim employment covering maintenance/public works at an hourly rate of \$15.00 until the position is filled. No vacation, PTO or insurance will be paid. Carried.

Mayor Noyes noted the meeting was being closed pursuant to MN Statutes, Section 13D.05 Subd. 3(a), to evaluate the performance of Scott Shimpa. Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante to close the meeting. Carried with five ayes.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Herdliska to open the meeting. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Keeler terminated Scott Shimpa's employment with the city effective immediately due to the inability to carry out essential job functions, dependability, and unauthorized absences. No accumulated vacation hours will be paid; 6.5 accumulated comp hours are authorized to be paid. Mr. Shimpa has until Friday, August 14, 2009 to return city keys and equipment. Carried.

A special meeting was scheduled for the 2010 proposed budget and to review applications received for the city maintenance position.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved a proposal from D & B Construction in the amount of \$33,790.00 to repair a section of Park Street. Placing BX1100 geogrid on 25' x 1400' of roadway, covering with 9" of class 5 gravel, compact and grade the area. Carried.

With no further business a motion was made by Plante seconded by Morinville to adjourn. Carried.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer