

City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2010

Erskine City Council met in regular session Monday, February 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Noyes, Council Members: Jim Herdliska, Rod Morinville and Travis Keeler. Absent: Marc Plante.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Noyes approved city minutes from January 11. Carried.

Discussion was held on city property located at 111 Vance Ave South. No proposals were received for renting the building. Jon Sannes submitted a proposal to purchase the land and building. Council was interested in selling the property to Mr. Sannes. The issue was tabled until the March meeting.

Costs were reviewed for an Engineer's Preliminary Report on the proposed Industrial Park. The report would assist the city on deciding whether or not to proceed with the project. Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved a proposal from Widseth Smith Nolting with a fee of \$2,500.00. Carried.

Water System Improvements and Sanitary Sewer Project were placed on the Project Priority List in 2009; the deadline for placement on the Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the same projects is June 2010. Public Facilities Authority prepares the 2011 IUPs based on the requests received, project priorities, and amount of loan funds available. Low interest loans along with principal forgiveness (grants) may be available to eligible applicants.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved submitting the Water System Improvements project with an estimated cost of 2.4 million for placement on the Public Facilities Authority 2011 Intended Use Plan. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Keeler approved monthly bills in the amount of \$52,389.22. Carried.

Erin Green presented a suggestion that the city host a community potluck dinner and spelling bee. With the city being limited as to what donations can be made with public funds; council suggested the ideas be presented to the Commercial Club.

Bob Kringen submitted a request for compensation from the city if maintenance continues to store snow on his lot across from Ness Café. Maintenance reported there is a water connection at the old lumber yard building and should be assessed the monthly connection fee. Council directed to contact Mr. Kringen and if he allows the city to store snow the utility account for the lumber yard will be issued an annual credit of \$186.36.

Water and sewer connections located outside city limits are assessed an outside city limit fee equal to 50% of their water and sewer rate excluding high contract users Pioneer Memorial and Win-E-Mac School. Council reviewed the accounts and was in agreement not to make any changes. Maintenance was directed to continue flushing hydrants on a regular basis.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved the 2010 Erskine Community Youth Organization sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500.00. Carried.

Council directed that Dave Bauer be utilized for on call only. Mike Meyer responsible for scheduling part time employees Dave and Sharol when needed.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved the attached resolution acknowledging a donation from the American Legion in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be used for the Erskine Community Youth Organization summer recreation program. Carried with four ayes.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved the attached resolution acknowledging a donation from the American legion in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used for the Win-E-Mac Legion Baseball team expenses. Carried with four ayes.

Out of state travel policy was reviewed. Council was in agreement not to make any changes to the current policy.

Discussion was held on loose dogs throughout the city. Current city code allows the city to file a criminal action against a person requiring a dog pound at times. Another option would be to issue administrative penalties by adopting an ordinance. No changes will be made to the city code at this time.

Mayor Noyes nominated Jim Herdliska to serve on the NW Regional Development Commission.

With no further business a motion was made by Herdliska seconded by Keeler to adjourn. Carried.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer