

City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2009

Erskine City Council met in regular session Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Noyes, Council Members: Jim Herdliska, Travis Keeler, Rod Morinville, Marc Plante and Clerk Treasurer Sharon Kotrba.

Newly elected officials Jim Herdliska and Travis Keeler recited their Oath of Office.

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

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved city minutes from December 8. Carried.

Doug Plante expressed a public concern with regards to police protection. Council stated the city would be utilizing Polk County Sheriff's Department for 911 emergency dispatch services. With residents being taxpayers they are entitled to the protection at no charge.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante appointed Erskine Agency, Inc. as the city's insurance agency for the year 2009. Carried.

Lee Meier and Ken Buchanen presented information on a grant application the HRA is proposing to send to the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). If Erskine wants to participate it could possibly lead to five residential rehab projects. The Housing Authority is asking McIntosh and Fosston to participate in the application as well. An update was given on the property owned by the HRA located at 212 Ross Avenue. After the rehab is complete the house will be sold through Contract for Deed with a 0% interest rate and no down payment.

Motion by Keeler seconded by Herdliska approved participating in the housing rehab grant administered by the Housing Redevelopment Authority. Carried.

Proposals were reviewed for carpet in three offices at the Community Center. Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved purchasing carpet from Classic Décor's/Ron Dargus in the amount of \$2,595.90. Carried with Morinville opposed and Noyes abstained.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved the final payment of \$513.00 to Eastman Fence Company for the Baseball Field fence project. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved monthly bills in the amount of \$78,010.57. Carried.

Council reviewed the list of shut off notices previously sent to delinquent account holders. Maintenance was directed to proceed with disconnecting the service.

Mayor Noyes appointed the following 2009 Commissioners: Acting Mayor - Jim Herdliska, Water and Sewer – Marc Plante, Streets and Sidewalks – Rod Morinville, Parks – Marc Plante, Fire – Jim Herdliska, Community Center – Travis Keeler, Official Newspaper – Erskine Echo, Official Depository – American State Bank, Maintenance Coordinator – Scott Shimpa, City Weed Inspector – Paul Noyes, Mileage Rate .45 cents per mile.

Due to retirement of the city’s Chief of Police, a motion was made by Plante seconded by Keeler to disband the Erskine Police Department. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved utilizing Polk County Sheriff’s Department for 911 Emergency dispatch services with a letter being sent for official notification. Carried with Morinville opposed.

Council was in agreement to allow the Sheriff’s department to use the police office at the Community Center with phone, etc. being the county’s responsibility.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Herdliska approved reimbursing Scott Shimpa for his health insurance monthly premium of \$291.00 plus 15% federal withholding \$43.65 totaling \$334.65. Carried.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante changing the council pay frequency from semi-annual to a quarterly basis. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved the 2009 Community Youth Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,700.00. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Keeler approved the attached resolution acknowledging a donation from the American Legion in the amount of \$763.00 to be used for the Erskine Commercial Club “Take a Kid Fishing and Santa Days”. Carried with five ayes.

Mayor Noyes appointed Marc Plante to serve on the EDA Board as a new representative of the city.

Mayor Noyes stated that any future projects should be documented and reviewed next month.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler to adjourn. Carried.

The City of Erskine is an equal opportunity provider.

Mayor

Clerk Treasurer