

City Council Proceedings  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2010

Erskine City Council met in regular session Monday, January 11, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Noyes, Council Members: Rod Morinville, and Marc Plante. Absent: Jim Herdliska and Travis Keeler.

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

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved city minutes from December 7 and 15. Carried.

Discussion was held renting city property located 111 Vance Ave South. Interested parties are John Nelson and Jon Sannes. The clerk was directed to request a written proposal from each party and award it to the highest bidder. Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved renting the building with the city responsible for paying annual property tax and insuring the structure and the renter responsible for insuring the contents within the building and paying monthly utilities water, electricity and heat. Carried.

December income statement was reviewed. Excess revenue resulted from annual expenses being within budget as well as budgeting for two maintenance positions. Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved transferring \$5,000 from general checking and \$5,000 from utility checking and depositing the proceeds in a savings account designated for water tower expenses. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved monthly bills in the amount of \$30,470.88. Carried.

Delinquent water and sewer accounts were reviewed. Council directed that a past due account holder be contacted and if no payment is made disconnect the service.

Motion by Plante seconded by Morinville approved applying credit of \$186.36 to Virginia Farrell's water connection fee on the vacant lot at Ross Avenue. Credit is given in lieu of storing snow on the property over winter months. Carried.

Discussion was held on utility charges applied to Dani's Up North for November and December; the regular fee was assessed with no service used. Motions by Morinville seconded by Plante approved applying credit of \$161.56 for the two months in question and assess the monthly connection fee totaling \$30.00. The monthly fee will remain at \$15.00 until the service is turned on. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Morinville directed the monthly connection fee be assessed to the property at 202 Vance Ave North and will certify the delinquent amount owing on the property tax roll as a special assessment. Carried.

Mayor Noyes appointed the following 2010 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 – Mike Meyer, City Weed Inspector – Paul Noyes, Mileage Rate .45 cents per mile. Approved on a motion by Plante and second by Morinville. Carried.

Proposals received for painting the interior of both well houses were from Water Tower Clean and Coat - \$1,800.00 and Champion Coatings - \$4,600.00. Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante awarded the project to Water Tower Clean and Coat using Omnithane primer over coated with Endura-Shield II two part epoxy. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Morinville tabled cleaning the exterior of the water tower. Proposals received were from H & H Coatings - \$8,500.00 and Water Tower Clean and Coat - \$3,800.00. Council directed maintenance to check references on past work done by Water Tower Clean and Coat.

Thein Well Company submitted a proposal for an annual inspection on both lift stations and pumps within the structure costing \$275.00 per year. Council elected not to enter into the maintenance contract at this time.

Discussion was held on the Municipal Industrial Development Revenue Act Bond the city issued to provide financial assistance to Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home in 2003. Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved the change in terms agreement between Pioneer Memorial and American Federal Bank lowering the interest rate from 7.25% to 5.96%. Carried.

Discussion was held on 58 acres of undeveloped land located east of the Canadian Pacific Railway adjacent to Highway #2. Mayor Noyes inquired if there was an interest in checking on the possibilities for development of an Industrial Park. Council was in agreement for a member to meet with Todd Olson and Cam Fanfulik to determine what funding options are available.

Motion by Plante seconded by Morinville approved the Fire Departments annual election of officers: Fire Chief – Dave Bauer, Assistant Chief – Ira Hill, Assistant Chief – Pete LaCoursiere, Training Officer – Jay Mahlen, Safety Officer – Jim Tadman, Secretary – Shar Hill, and Treasurer – Randy Nowacki. Carried.

Discussion was held on the problems with loose dogs wandering throughout the city. The clerk was directed to place an ad in the paper and check on issuing citations.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk Treasurer