

City Council Proceedings  
Regular Meeting  
July 12, 2010

Erskine City Council met in regular session Monday, July 12, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Acting Mayor Jim Herdliska, Council Members: Travis Keeler, Rod Morinville and Marc Plante.  
Absent: Paul Noyes.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved the agenda with addition. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved city minutes from June 14. Carried.

Acting Mayor Herdliska opened the public hearing. The purpose of the hearing was to consider a variance filed by Anthony and Julie Derosier to build an accessory structure not meeting the side and rear setback requirements. There were no public concerns or complaints. Motion by Keeler seconded by Plante to close the hearing. Carried.

Motion by Keeler seconded by Plante approved a variance permit for Anthony and Julie Derosier. Carried.

Marc Plante reported on a public concern with the traffic speeds on Park Street. Maintenance was directed to place "Slow Traffic – Children at Play" on each end of Park Street.

Discussion was held on necessary repairs to the exterior walls at the Community Center. The issue was tabled until August in order to obtain an additional proposal.

Discussion on Erskine Attachments was tabled until August.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved new designs for the city billboard signs east and west of town costing \$650.20 per sign. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante moved that the city proceed with purchasing 60 acres of land from Al Bauer costing \$75,000.00. Financing options will be reviewed at a later meeting. Carried.

Curt Jenson on behalf of Pioneer Memorial was present to discuss the water and sewer rate previously approved by the city. With the facility not being a public or private apartment complex Mr. Jenson requested the city modify the rate at Crossroads Assisted Living facility. Crossroads is licensed by the MN Department of Health and the MN Department of Human Services sets their rates.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Keeler approved a monthly facility rate for Crossroads of \$660.00 per month to cover water, sewer, and outside city limit fee. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler set a deadline for August 2, 2010 to receive sealed bids for city property at 111 Vance Ave South. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved monthly bills in the amount of \$34,666.65. Carried.

Discussion was held on the city's State Disposal System permit (SDS) issued through MPCA. The SDS permit renews every five years and authorizes the city to operate a disposal system in accordance with Minnesota and US statutes and rules. Items addressed were limits and monitoring section, compliance schedule, land application stations, and pretreatment. MPCA removed two monitoring wells from the permit and recommended they be abandoned. Council was in favor not to abandon the wells should they be needed in the future.

Motion by Plante seconded by Morinville moved to not abandon the monitoring wells GW005 and GW006, and continue sampling the wells if required. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved the attached resolution accepting a donation from the American Legion for the Erskine Memorial Park in the amount of \$500.00. Carried with four ayes.

Motion by Keeler seconded by Morinville approved the attached resolution appointing Tina Farrell as an additional election judge. Carried.

Council reviewed the annual loss control survey done by the League of MN Cities. Recommendations were to have the storm sewer catch basin on Vance repaired, develop a sanitary sewer maintenance program, and keep a log of sewer maintenance activities and sewer cleaning records. Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler accepted the recommendations made. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved the attached resolution accepting Council Member Rod Morinville's resignation and declaring a vacancy on City Council. Carried.

Street repairs to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South were discussed. Council directed maintenance to get two proposals and place it on the August agenda.

Council was in favor of purchasing a mosquito sprayer at an approximate cost of \$2,500.00. More cost effective than contracting the service outside.

Motion by Keeler seconded by Plante was in favor of the fire department installing a scoreboard at the baseball field in memory of Dale Besser. Carried.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk Treasurer