

City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2010

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

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

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante approved city minutes from February 8. Carried.

Mayor Noyes reported Jon Sannes is not interested in purchasing the property located at 111 Vance Avenue South.

Discussion was held on the grant Fosston submitted to DEED for their Industrial Park. Fosston applied for funds on behalf of Quick Attach (Erskine Attachments). Deed is requesting approval from Erskine prior to awarding the funds. Mayor Noyes reported on the meetings held with Todd Olson, Jim Herdliska and himself. It was noted the city previously offered a five year incentive for Erskine Attachments with \$1.00 per year lease contract.

Motion was made by Herdliska seconded by Plante not authorizing DEED funds to be used for Erskine Attachments in Fosston. Carried with Morinville opposed.

Roy Lunde with Brady Martz was present to discuss the city's 2009 audit. Adequate reserves are in place and the fund balances look good. It was noted that reserves should be retained equal to 35 – 50% of the general fund total balance at year end. Mr. Lunde encouraged the city to consider annual increases on water and sewer to maintain appropriate reserves for operation and maintenance within the utility fund.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved the 2009 city audit and adjusted journal entries. Carried.

Council reviewed the preliminary engineering report for the proposed Industrial Park. Ads have been placed in local papers for interested parties to contact the city. Discussion was held on placing an ad in the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal costing \$370.00 for one week. Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved placement of the ad for two weeks. Carried.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved monthly bills in the amount of \$33,808.64. Carried.

Delinquent water and sewer accounts were reviewed. Council directed a final disconnect notice be placed at the property of a resident who previously received a shut off notice and did not pay.

Hawkins and Commercial Supply submitted proposals for water treatment chemicals. Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved Hawkins as the city's supplier. Carried.

Erin Green inquired as to whether or not the city had a beautification committee. Ms. Green is interested in fund raising methods to begin rebuilding and refurbishing structures, parks, etc. Council was in favor for Erin Green to chair and create a Town Beautification committee.