

City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2009

Erskine City Council met in regular session Monday, May 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Noyes, Council Members: Jim Herdliska, Travis Keeler, Rod Morinville, Marc Plante, and Clerk Treasurer Sharon Kotrba.

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

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler approved city minutes from April 13. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska opened the public hearing for two variance applications. Carried.

Mayor Noyes stated applications were received from (1) Dennis Jenson to construct a new storage shed 10' x 16' at 521 Vance Ave South, and (2) Kent and Cindy Swanson for moving in a house 24' x 45', and constructing a garage 32' x 24' at 128 Park Street.

Motion was made by Plante seconded by Herdliska to close the public hearing. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved variances for Jenson and Swanson. Carried.

EDA reported that Joey Smeby is interested in becoming a board member for the authority. Mayor Noyes approved the appointment with a term of six years.

Lee Cariveau with Widseth Smith Nolting said the water and sanitary sewer reports were submitted to the state for placement on the Project Priority list for year 2010. The reports were done at no cost to the city. WSN is proposing to share 50% of \$15,000.00 for preparing the Intended Use Plan. City needs to approve by May 25, 2009.

Dani's Up North pull tab procedures were reviewed that are currently serviced by the American Legion. Danielle Willoughby stated the Legion would require start up costs to bring pull tabs back in at Dani's. Mentor Firefighters Relief Association has offered to sponsor the gaming that could include pull tabs and bar bingo. Herdliska stated he would bring up the issue at the next Legion meeting. Council was in favor of having the Legion continue with the gaming, if sponsors were to change it would require the adoption of a new resolution.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved a street dance sponsored by Dani's Up North on May 22 covering an area 100' east and west by 80' north and south on 1st Street South with liquor liability required. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Morinville approved monthly bills in the amount of \$38,333.40. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved Wes Oian's - City Assessor 2010 fee of \$2,600.00. Carried.

Discussion was held on seasonal employment. Plante noted Sharol Johnson will be working approximately 25 to 30 hours per week this summer. Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante approved hiring Dave Bauer as a seasonal employee covering for city maintenance when needed at \$9.54 per hour. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved replacing a portion of the city park sidewalk done by Gordy Erickson, 80 sq ' at 5.50 totaling \$440 plus \$150 for removal and disposal. Carried.

Council elected not to have a calcium chloride application done this year on city streets.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Herdliska approved street dances for June 5 and 6 with the Commercial Club and Dani's Up North providing liquor liability. Carried.

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante approved a request by Barb Gaalswyk to place a sign 6" x 15" on the corner of 1st Street South advertising her antique shop. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved placing an ad in the Lion's Community Calendar at a cost of \$40.00. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler approved estimates from Veit for cleaning and televising 300 LF of sewer line and the south lift station \$1,080.00, and clean 100 LF of culvert beneath Highway #2 \$900.00 with MnDOT reimbursing the city. Carried.

Council was in agreement not to require a permit to move buildings, structures, etc. within city limits.

Motion by Morinville seconded by Plante approved purchasing banners for main street costing \$500 and \$500 for flowers at the park and water tower. Carried.

Mayor Noyes noted the meeting was being closed pursuant to MN Statutes, section 13D.05 Subd. 3(a) which permits such an action in order to evaluate the performance of an individual who is subject to the authority of the Erskine City Council, approved on a motion by Herdliska seconded by Keeler. Carried with five ayes.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska to open the meeting. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved a three percent raise effective June 1, 2009, totaling an overall increase FY 2009 of five percent for Scott Shimpa. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Keeler to adjourn. Carried.

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Mayor

Clerk Treasurer