

APPROVED

CITY OF STARBUCK, MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 10, 2015

The City of Starbuck Regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Starbuck Community Center located at 307 E 5th Street in Starbuck, MN.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Swenson. Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call. Present: Mayor Swenson; Councilmen: Katzenmeyer, Razink, Gorder as well as City Clerk Andrew Langholz and City Treasurer Joan Kerkvliet; absent: Councilman Jenson. Quorum is present.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Motion - Katzenmeyer: Approve the Consent Agenda. Second - Gorder. Motion carried.**

ANYONE BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Dalen Gosseling spoke to the council on behalf of the Starbuck Fire Relief Association and discussed an increase to the benefit level. Councilman Katzenmeyer stated that this isn't an annual increase and the last time it was done was roughly four years ago and that he is in favor of the increase.

- **Motion - Gorder: Approve an increase to \$1,250 from \$1,000. Second - Katzenmeyer. Motion carried.**

Nancy Bakewell on behalf of the Study Club stated that the club is currently looking for a new community improvement project that would last about two years. She said that the Study Club has shown interest in contributing their efforts towards a splash pad down by the beach. Discussion was held between Mrs. Bakewell and the Council regarding funding, costs, and location. Nick Koos said that WSN worked with Morris to engineer their splash park and that he would give City Clerk, Andrew Langholz the contact information for someone in Morris to determine operating and maintenance costs.

Dori Ann spoke to the council about the kayaks, paddle boards, and pedal boat at the beach and that the MN boating guide requires children under the age of 10 to wear a lifejacket and everyone else needed to have them handy. She stated that she didn't see anyone with a lifejacket and that the City should provide them. Mayor Swenson stated that seven lifejackets have been provided for the aforementioned equipment, but the City will have to do a better job enforcing the lifejacket requirements.

Nick Koos from WSN present two options for lighting the marina. The first option would be to light the marina from the north side with seven light poles. He said that in order to meet the specifications the city was asking for, the light poles would need to be increased from 30 feet to 40 feet. Option two would have twice as many poles and would light the marina from both the north and south sides. Discussion was held among the council and they would favor option one with the addition of one or two lights to

add more visibility to the boat launches. Nick Koos said he would get further cost estimates for the council.

PERSONNEL REPORTS

Mayor Swenson stated that the results have come back pertaining to Hunter Boutain. He said that the CDC confirmed that Hunter did not pass away from PAM as first suspected, rather it was a case of streptococcal meningoenephalitis.

Gary Giltner from People Services discussed maintenance that occurred during the previous month.

Andrew Langholz spoke on behalf of the Street/Parks department stating that Mike Erickson had received a quote for removing a tree at 204 Wollan St. for \$450. The council had a brief discussion about the topic.

- **Motion - Katzenmeyer: Remove the tree from 204 Wollan St. Second - Razink. Motion carried.**

City Clerk, Andrew Langholz presented five topics to the council. First, a new lease for the billboard West of Starbuck on Hwy 28 was discussed. The rate for the lease was \$400 per year, there was question about who actually owned the billboard since it is in the right of way. Andrew will be looking into this matter further. Second, Andrew said that he is looking into software that would allow people to make reservations for Hobo Park online. Discussion was held and it was decided that Andrew should look further into the software to see if it is a good fit. Third, Andrew stated that the City of Starbuck is to receive \$28,878 from the 2015 Legislative Session for street construction and maintenance. The City received the first half of the total already and should receive the second half at the end of the year. Fourth, Andrew stated that the City of Starbuck will receive \$358,225 from LGA in 2016, an increase of roughly \$1,600 from 2015. Lastly, Andrew and Joan Kerkvliet briefed the council on hooking the fire protection panel up to a monitoring service. The council would like Joan and Andrew to find the best deal for monitoring the panel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Razink updated the rest of the council on the airport project and stated that Werner Brothers, the construction company, was moving right along and is on schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

Andrew Langholz shared the changes of the zoning map with the council and asked if there were any questions or further concerns that he could address. There was a brief discussion and it was decided that the next step would be to hold a public hearing on the changes in the near future, possibly at the September council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Swenson presented Resolution 2015-09 to the council regarding the acceptance of a donation from Bruce Bakewell and he thanked Bruce and Nancy for their donation.

- **Motion - Razink: Approve Resolution 2015-09. Second - Gorder. Motion carried.**

Mayor Swenson presented Resolution 2015-10 to the council regarding a vacancy left on the council due to the resignation of Cary Jenson. Discussion was held, Andrew Langholz stated that Councilman Gorder was correct about the council being able to appoint an individual till the next regular election, at that point a special election must be held in order to fill the remaining two years of Cary Jenson's seat on the council. Councilman Katzenmeyer proposed the City advertise in the Starbuck Times and ask for letters of interest from citizens to join the council. Andrew said that he would make an advertisement and send it to the Starbuck Times on Tuesday, August 11, 2015.

- **Motion - Gorder: Approve Resolution 2015-10. Second - Razink. Motion carried.**

Mary Baukol addressed the council on the matter of the shoo-fly (tree deck or crow's nest) at the park. She asked for permission to have it power washed to determine if it was salvageable. After a brief discussion the council agreed that she could do that.

Mayor Swenson brought forth one more idea to the council regarding the shelters at the park. He said the City should consider the possibility of having families, businesses, and organizations adopt the shelters at the park and perform maintenance on them to save the city money and time. The council discussed the idea and stated that these people may be able to advertise on the shelter. Andrew Langholz will look into this topic further before the next council meeting.

- **Motion - Katzenmeyer: Adjourn council meeting. Second - Razink. Motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Langholz

City Clerk