



MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STACY IN THE COUNTY OF CHISAGO AND THE STATE OF MINNESOTA PURSUANT TO DUE CALL AND NOTICE THEREOF

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, 7:00p.m.
STACY CITY HALL**

Call to Order

The Stacy City Council met in regular session and was called to order by Mayor Utecht at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Jim Ness, Charles Lucia, Mark Utecht, and Michael Carlson
Absent: Cindy Bruss
Others Present: Anne Thom, Bryce Dogendorfer, Lynda Schmidt, Jeremy Hauser, and Gene Olson

Additions to the Agenda

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- Minnesota Department of Health Compliance Agreement
- Hockey Arena
- MN Mosquito Control District

Motion by Ness to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Carlson. Ness, Carlson, Lucia, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

Motion by Carlson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Ness. Carlson, Ness, Lucia, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Staff Reports

City Engineer

Jeremy Hauser

Kwik Trip

Mr. Hauser reported that the water main testing is complete, the final storm sewer inspection needs to be done as well as some other site improvement work. They will be opening on September 11th. He received a letter of credit reduction request and will bring it to the council for action at the October meeting.

Dollar General

The Dollar General is moving along, they are currently grading the parking lot. There have been some grading issues on the North and East side; Stantec has notified them that they cannot remove any trees located in the city's right of way. They are looking at ways to contain the grading on their site.

Member Ness asked when the 312th Street work would be done. Mr. Hauser didn't know but will check and let the clerk know. He assumes it will be done when the parking lot is done.



2014 Crack Route & Seal Coat

Contractor on site and should finish up soon, all areas have been complete except Stacy Ponds Business Park.

2014 Street Improvement Project

The preconstruction meeting will be on September 12th, work commencing the week of September 22 for a duration of 4-5 weeks.

Stacy Sports Grill Curb

Mr. Hauser presented options to correct the curbing at the Sports Grill that occurred as a result of the County's project.

The options are:

1. Concrete Wedge
2. Curb with Concrete Median
3. Curb with Paver Median

The council concurred that they prefer number 2; however, ultimately a county decision as the county will be paying for the correction.

Radium Abatement – Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Compliance Agreement

Motion by Ness to authorize the Mayor to sign the Compliance Agreement with the MDH. Second by Carlson. Ness, Lucia, Carlson, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

City Clerk

Sharon Payne

Certify 2015 Budget

Motion by Ness to approve Resolution Number 2014-9-1, "Resolution Approving the 2015 September Levy." Second by Carlson. Ness, Carlson, Lucia, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Certify Delinquent Utility Accounts

Motion by Ness to certify the delinquent utility accounts to property taxes. Second by Carlson. Ness, Carlson, Lucia, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Agenda Memo – Time Clock

Council consensus was not to pursue any further; they do not see the need at this time.

November Meeting

The November regular Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12, because November 11 is Veteran's Day

Committees Commissions

Chisago Lakes Joint Sewage Treatment Commission (CLJSTC)

Member Lucia said that the commission rejected the proposal for services from Viola.

Personnel Committee

The employee question and answer session on the Personnel Policy has been rescheduled.

History Committee

The committee met and reviewed the docket book; at one time there was a Justice of the Peace in Stacy.

**Public Information
Committee**

The quarterly radium notice will be mailed out this month. The council directed that information regarding the plowing of snow across the road be included in the publication.

**Park and Recreation
Committee**

Member Lucia said that funding for the Eater Bash is underway.

Member Ness asked if the committee had discussed park improvements to the unapproved parks in the city? Member Lucia indicated they had but that money was the concern. The committee was directed to review park needs and prepare a request to budget items.

EDA

They met and are reviewing getting a sign for the Stacy Ponds Business Park. They will also be welcoming the new businesses to Stacy.

Planning Commission

Member Ness said the commission is clarifying the swimming pool ordinance regarding what pools require fencing and changing the fencing height requirement to six feet. The Public Hearing is next week.

He also reported that they are reviewing requiring the fire inspection program on residential rental properties; so far this appears to be quite a costly program to administer. The commission will continue to research.

Old Business

Security Cameras

This item handled out of order by motion of Utecht. Second by Ness and carried.

Mayor Utecht reported that he had contacted a company from Wisconsin regarding security cameras; specifically stating that we wanted to capture license plate numbers at the four way stop and by the maintenance building. The company said that they would not be able to provide the service requested; that it would be almost impossible to catch the plate numbers.

Mr. Bryce Dogendorfer from SCPlus was present to discuss the city's security camera needs.

Mayor Utecht explained what the city is looking for; Mr. Dogendorfer confirmed what the Wisconsin company had told Mayor Utecht. It would be very difficult to capture plate numbers, particularly at night due to the headlights on the cars.

The Mayor asked Mr. Dogendorfer what rough costs would be if the city would move forward with the cameras, understanding this is a really "rough" estimate.

He said you would need two cameras, one for each lane; a DVR, and hard drive. He said roughly cost would be \$3,000 per site.

The council asked him to look at the two sites and make up a more solid proposal, the closer he can get us to capture license plate numbers the better. He will give the city an "apples to apples" comparison to Armor and also explore different options.

**Foxtail Woods – Speed
Bumps**

The cost estimate for 3 six foot sections is \$590 for the portable speed bumps. The council determined the cost to be \$600 per traffic lane.

Hockey Arena

Member Lucia has been asked by citizens, what's up with the hockey rink? So what's up with the hockey rink?

Mayor Utecht received a call from Craig Moline because Mr. Kramer issued a letter regarding the safety of the building, requiring it be made secure; Mr. Kramer acted at the direction of the Planning Commission who stated that the property was a safety and hazard concern.

Mr. Moline reported that he heard a rumor that the city was going to take the building and make it a public works building; the council squashed this rumor immediately. Mr. Moline also expressed to Mayor Utecht that he was offended that the city had went through the official channels, he would have appreciated a phone call to address the issue.

Mayor Utecht communicated to Mr. Kramer that if he receives complaints about the hockey arena property he is to go to the council to address the problem, and then proceed at the council's direction; He does not want to create ill-will between the city and the association.

Member Ness said that he disagrees 100%, the association has ignored the building for two years – something has to be done.

Member Lucia and Carlson concurred.

Member Lucia said that the city has not heard from the association in a long time, which really irritates him; if they could give an update it would be really appreciated.

Mayor Utecht said the city hadn't asked for an update either; it is a two way street. The last communication with the association was regarding the purchase of the property by the association. The funding of the project could not occur as originally planned and that is not the association's fault.

Member Carlson said that the need for the arena may have gone down; that is the case with many of the rinks. They are finding that these rinks are not sustainable.

Questions were posed: Do we need to have a "reality check" with the association? Or should we just let it sit there? How long do we want it to sit there?

Mayor Utecht will direct Mr. Kramer to process any complaints received on the arena property as he would any other property.

New Business

**Sunrise Mobile Home Park –
Access to Fir Trail**

This item handled out of order by motion of Utecht. Second by Ness and carried.

Gene Olson was present to talk about Sunrise Mobile Home Park's ditch improvements along Fir Trail. Fir Trail is shared by Lent and Stacy.

Mr. Olson reported he met with Dustin Brakemeier regarding the possibility of putting a driveway in, Mr. Olson approved one driveway as long as the proper culvert size was used to make it an official driveway. Lent's staff discovered that the mobile home park is filling in the ditch for 75-100 feet, this is causing the ditch not to drain properly.

Mayor Utecht said it is clear this is a Stacy issue as it is located on our side of Fir Trail.

Motion by Ness to look into this to assure that the project is properly permitted and engineered. Second by Carlson. Ness, Carlson, Lucia, and Utecht voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Mr. Olson asked if the council would keep him informed as to what is going on. They indicated they would.

Liquor License Fire Bash

This item handled out of order by motion of Ness. Second by Utecht and carried.

Motion by Ness to approve the one day liquor license for the Stacy Lions Club for the Stacy Lent Fire Department Bash on October 4, 2014, contingent upon the completed application and certificate of insurance being received. Second by Utecht. Ness, Utecht, Lucia, and Carlson voted yes. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Appoint General Election Judges

Motion by Carlson to approve Resolution Number 2014-9-2, "Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the November 4, 2014, General Election." Second by Lucia. Carlson, Lucia, and Utecht voted yes. Ness abstained. Mayor Utecht declared the motion carried.

Water Tower Cleaning

This item handled out of order by motion of Ness. Second by Carlson and carried.

Mr. Hauser was asked how often are we supposed to clean the outside of the tower? He said that the exterior cleaning is a matter of aesthetics and does not have an impact on the life of the water tower.

Member Ness said he is not willing to spend money to clean the tower, if so then he would like to see at least two more quotes.

Mayor Utecht has not noticed if the tower needed cleaning or not.

Member Carlson said that it is dirty.

The members were asked to look at the tower and decide if it needs to be cleaned; at this time the consensus was not to clean the tower.

Minnesota Mosquito Control

This item handled out of order by motion of Utecht. Second by Carlson and carried.

The Mayor received correspondence from a citizen requesting that Chisago County be added to the treatment area of Minnesota Mosquito Control; the email went to several cities, county commissioners, and MN Mosquito Control.

It would be anticipated that they would not treat Carlos Avery, being we are surrounded by Carlos Avery treating the other areas of the city doesn't make sense. The council decided not to take any action on the request.

Mayor/Council

Security Systems - Jim Ness

Member Ness said in listening to the security company maybe it's time for the liquor manager's to review their systems and determine if an upgrade is necessary.

Mayor Utecht said in the recent crimes the perpetrators knew where the cameras were and made sure their faces weren't visible.

Member Lucia said that cameras are fine in the light when the business is open, but show very little at night.

If an alarm system turned on a bunch of lights and omits a siren; that may be an effective deterrent.

Adjourned at 9:13pm

Mayor Utecht declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13p.m.

Sharon MT Payne