

Minutes of Regular Meeting  
April 5,2007

Council present: Mayor Duane Brownie, Council persons Terry Trude, Duane Ziebarth, C.J. VanGuilder,Gary Butala and City Treasurer Deb Hill.

There were 18 members of the public present.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Brownie at 7 P.M.

Jeff Sauer from Cell One was present and reviewed the lease agreement they have proposed for the installation of six (6) antennas on our water tower. They will pay \$1000.00 per month with a 4 % increase each year with 4 additional five year extensions The lease will automatically be renewed unless terminated by written notice by either party.

After much discussion a resolution offered by Brownie seconded by C.J. VanGuilder to approve the lease as presented.

Roll Call vote All 5 members voted yes.

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and motion by Brownie seconded by Trude to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of special meeting held March 22, 2007 were not ready for review and will be ready for next meeting.

Financial report was presented by Treasurer Hill. She answered all questions to everyones satisfaction and a motion by Brownie seconded by Trude to approve the financial report as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Shanda requested the City take necessary action on the recommended changes in the fire department by-laws so we can implement the new changes including the require physicals. After discussion a motion by Brownie seconded by Trude to approve the by-law changes for the fire department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Letter from Holyoke township was reviewed and after discussion a meeting will be called with all Townships with fire contracts.

Meeting with County wide group was held to discuss working together on a County basis The cost of operation would be devided amung all participants with the City share at approximately \$500.00 Chief Shanda has some doubts about how it will work.

Restructuring of the entire maintenance department was briefly discussed and tabled until a future meeting.

Hiring summer help for mowing grass and other jobs was discussed briefly and will be acted on at a future meeting.

We are having problems getting people to return calls and set up appointments to have water meters installed. Motion by Brownie seconded by VanGuilder to send those people certified letters so the job can be completed,

Motion carried unanimously.

Request from a resident to have the penalty removed from their water and sewer bill. After discussion a motion by Brownie seconded by VanGuilder to deny the request.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shawn Northy from Wrenshall School was present to discuss the water and sewer bills for the school and the fact that the meter had been bypassed several times. The City will purchase a lock to put on the bypass valve so it cannot be operated, and the keys for the lock will be held in the city.

Agenda formats were discussed. After discussion a motion made by Brownie seconded by Trude to copy the Carlton format for future Agendas.

Motion carried by a vote of 4 yes and one abstained.

Volunteer insurance was discussed and a motion by Brownie seconded by Ziebarth to purchase the insurance to cover volunteers.

Motion carried unanimously.

Delores Dennie from the Presbyterian Church asked to have their water and sewer rates reduced. After much discussion she was told that all rates will be revisited as soon as we begin to use the meters and have some numbers to work with.

Blacktop for part of Goad drive and Parkwood were discussed with no definite action taken.

Timber in the industrial Park was discussed. Sappi cruised the area and recommended a list of loggers that might be interested. Motion by Ziebarth seconded by Brownie to send each logger a letter to see if anyone might be interested in logging it.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Brownie seconded by Trude to pay the bills as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.