

CITY OF FRAZEE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 14, 2008

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The regular meeting of the Frazee City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Ludtke. Council members present were Miosek, Ouart, Trieglaff and Dermody.

Mayor Ludtke ask for a changed agenda item 7b from Motion to Approve Resolution 0414-08 authorizing the sale of G.O. bonds for this years Cedar Avenue and West Maple Street Improvement to Motion to authorize the sale of G.O. bonds for this years Cedar Avenue and West Maple Street Improvements.

Roll Call

All council members present.

Open Forum

Leroy Feldt asked to get an extension to complete his storm shelters. Ludtke stated that he had till the 9th of June. Feldt thought he needed until the 1st of July. On a side note, Ludtke told Feldt that he can not talk to individual council members at night, he is violating the sunset law and if this behavior continues, Ludtke said an administrative fine would be imposed on Feldt.

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Dermody, second by Trieglaff, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- Approve March 10, 2008 Council Minutes
- Approve March 31, 2008 Council Minutes
- Approve April 7, 2008 Council Minutes
- Approve the City bills for payment
- Approve the Liquor Store bills for payment

All present in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Karen Hanson provided a Rescue Squad report which that included 15 calls and 65 call hours for the month of March and also 139 hours of training. The squad is at 29 total members and 48 calls year to date. She also noted that a gas line needed to be fixed on the rescue van.

Paul Thon, the Fire Chief was absent, Scott Geiselhart presented the report in Paul's absence. There were a total of 4 calls in the month of February. There were 67 call hours for fire calls. Scott also stated that they might have a house in town to burn for training. In addition, the new tanker is now in service.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 4.53 million gallons of water pumped and 3.65 million gallons of wastewater treated during the month of March. Stephenson reported that the street sweeper should be coming to town soon for the yearly cleaning. The purchase of a new loader is also on the radar. They are looking at one down by Clear Lake, MN and also Henning, MN. Right now, Stephenson is just seeing what's available.

Jonathan Smith, Liquor Store Manager, reported the financials for the municipal liquor store, he stated that numbers were down a little this month because they had to repair the cooler and also had to pay for a MMBA conference. A new window had been installed in the event center to help with the transfer of goods. Jonathan said that they were looking into getting new tills to help make the transition for offering food. The estimates he received ranged from six to ten thousand dollars. He believed that this would make operating more efficient in addition also improving accountability.

Mike Lorsung stated that the Police Department had 300 calls. He and Tim also participated in drivers training in St. Cloud, which is required for each license period. The new guns that were approved last meeting are now in. They were able to get seven free gun locks from the Roseville Police department for the new guns.

Old Business

Ulteig Presentation

Aaron Lauinger, a representative from Ulteig Engineering talked about an alternate design for a piping system which would eliminate the drainage swale. The reason for this is in order to create the drainage swale; about 5,200 cubic yard of fill would need to be removed from the property. This is a problem because it is still uncertain whether or not the soil could be removed due to hazardous contaminants. In order to find out if the soil has any contaminants, the City would need to apply for a sampling permit from the BNSF Rail Road; this would take about 105 days to complete which would alter our working timeline. By making this change, the City would be to avoid this delay and be able to save about \$40,000 in site grading, however an additional \$40,000 would be needed to construct the piping system. Lauinger further suggested that the City consider taking out the drainage basin down below. This would save about another \$25,000. He thought that we could remove this feature because there was such a little amount of impervious soil, the environment wouldn't be harmed.

MOTION by Miosek, second by Quart to approve the change order to replace the drainage swale with a water piping system from the Swift parcel to remove water runoff from the BNSF area. All present in favor, motion carried.

Feldt's Storm Shelters

The Council reviewed Feldt's storm shelter plans now that they were signed by a professional engineer. Police Chief Lorsung recommends that the council approve Feldt's plans.

MOTION by Trieglaff, second by Ouart to approve storm shelter plan. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Miosek, second by Ouart to give Feldt a two week extension from the June 9th deadline. Miosek aye, Dermody, Trieglaff, Ouart and Ludtke nay. One aye, four nays motion failed.

MOTION by Ouart, second by Miosek to wait until the June 9th meeting and see what progress has been made then make a decision at that time. Miosek, Dermody, Ludtke and Ouart aye, Trieglaff nay. Four ayes, one nay motion carried.

New Business

IRS Reimbursement Rate

MOTION by Miosek, second by Trieglaff to approve the implementation of the 2009 IRS mileage reimbursement rate for City staff when traveling. All present in favor, motion carried.

Authorization the Sale of G.O. Bonds

Traci Ryan from David Drown Associates discussed the figures for the sale of G.O. bonds for the Cedar Avenue and West Maple Street projects. She explained that since we would be pooling our debt with other communities we would be able to achieve a better interest rate. Even though costs associated to get in this program are higher than a conventional bond, the money saved in lower interest rates would outweigh the added cost. In order to participate in this program, two resolutions would need to be passed at the next council meeting.

MOTION by Trieglaff, second by Dermody to enter into a Joint Power Agreement with the Minnesota Government Agency Finance Group. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Ouart, second by Trieglaff to authorize the sale of G.O. bonds for this years Cedar Avenue and West Maple Street improvements. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Miosek, second by Trieglaff to authorize for checking on refinancing our 1999 bond debt. All present in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Reports

Public safety – Discussed Leroy Feldt's storm shelter progression and the need for a handicap sign in the front of Innovis Health Clinic affixed permanently. Ludtke added that he would like to see a 15 minute parking on the corner of Seip Drug and parking markings on Main Street.

Personnel Committee – Didn't meet

Planning Commission – Trieglaff explained that he wanted to restrict park planning for future uses. On a unrelated planning issue, Trieglaff thought that it would be a good idea to start having the EDA present a report to the Council monthly including financial statements.

Council Concerns

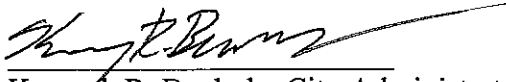
The Council unanimously showed support for the creation of a City forest to help replace lost trees. Also, the Council wanted to see the sub-division ordinance become law by June. City Administrator, Kenneth R. Bucholz said that it was still at the lawyer's office and he would try to expedite the process to get this accomplished. Quart mention that she would like to see the City of Frazee implement National Night Out this summer.

City Administrator's Report

Nothing was discussed that wasn't in the council packet.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

ATTEST:



Kenneth R. Bucholz, City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer