

CITY OF FRAZEE

Meeting of the City Council

August 11th, 2008

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Frazee City Council was called to order at 7:02 pm by Mayor Ludtke. Council members present were Miosek, Ouart, Trieglaff, and Dermody.

Open Forum

Tim Trieglaff spoke about his request for a variance on his proposed garage addition. He questioned what the main issues were and if he could revise his plan to meet more of the guidelines. Councilman Trieglaff explained that the three issues were still lot coverage, front setback, and back lot setback. Mr. Trieglaff expressed his need for the garage and thought that maybe he could adjust the size to meet more of the requirements. He asked the council if they would consider tabling the issue.

Rod Osvold spoke on behalf of the Merchants on Main about their upcoming Frazee Fall Fest. He presented the council with flyers of the events planned and gave a quick description of them. The Frazee Fall Fest will be held Sept. 20, 2008.

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Ouart, seconded by Dermody, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- Approve the minutes from the July 14th, 2008 meeting.
- Approve the City claims for payment.
- Approve the Liquor Store claims for payment.
- Approve a Temporary Liquor Permit to the VFW for the Sept. 20th Fall Fest.

All present in favor, motion carried.

Ken Miosek, Frazee Rescue Squad, reported the total number of calls for the month of July was 12 with total call hours of 54. 1 call was motor vehicle, 11 were medical. There were 131 total community hours.

Paul Thon, Frazee Fire Department reported 3 calls, one being a tractor fire the other two for a mobile home. Thon expressed the need for a new applicant letter that explains the time demand and physical demands of the job. He also asked about reinstating a former fireman that has been off the department for almost 2 years. Smith stated that he had done some checking and it is looking like this person may have to start from the bottom, but he will do more checking. Dermody asked if there is a way for the Department to offer incentives for new fireman to draw more applicants. Thon did not think there was much they could do. Ludtke brought up the idea of having a Jr. Fireman program to draw some interest of the up and coming people. Adrian Herbst of the Fire Dept. brought forward a proposal for a new computer. Their computer they have now consistently

locks up and is not meeting their needs. The request for \$700 plus warranty and shipping was made.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Trieglaff, to approve \$700 + warranty and shipping for a new computer. All present in favor, motion carried.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 6,539,000 gallons were pumped. This number is still up from what he thinks it should be, and they will be investigating possible leaks. 3,001,050 gallons of wastewater was brought in and 25.1 million gallons were pumped out of the ponds. There was 4.25 inches of rain in July. There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Pickup on Oct. 2nd from 2-6 pm.

Mike Lorsung, Chief of Police, stated there were 398 calls for the month of July. Turkey Days went well; there are a few concerns that will be addressed at the upcoming recap meeting. He stated that the codification looked good but there are some minor changes that will have to be made, one being the administering of administrative fines for violations. Other ordinances that need to be looked at are about Festivals, Beer Gardens ATV's, golf carts, and camp fires. Lorsung stated he is going to look into moving the stop signs on West Maple back to 2nd St. now that the road has been redone.

Jonathan Smith, Frazee Liquor Store Manager, reported on the financials for the 4 entities. He explained the new tills have been paid for and the On and Off Sale still show a net income. The Event Center had a fairly large expense from a broken coffee machine but showed a net income as well.

Old Business

MOTION by Trieglaff, seconded by Miosek, to adopt the codification, resolution #0811-08A. All present in favor, motion carried.

Cedar, Maple, and Swift Progress Report: Smith noted that Cedar and Maple Avenues are complete for the season, except for some very minimal touch ups. They will be back in the spring to put the final lift of asphalt down.

Swift Site Progress Report: Smith explained the submission of the RAP to the MPCA was done and accepted. We have received a letter of No Association from the MPCA to continue with our project. Ludtke mentioned that we are still waiting for our purchase agreement for the new lighting on the new road.

New Business

MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Trieglaff, to table the variance request of Tim Trieglaff to allow him to recreate his project to fit the guidelines. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Trieglaff, seconded by Miosek, to accept the proposal from Community Growth Institute for planning support. All present oppose, motion denied.

MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Trieglaff, for resolution #0811-08B to deny, if asked, the 2020 Olympics due to the way the country of China has treated Americans during the current Olympic Games and how the International Olympic Committee has allowed the complete politicization of the competition. In favor: Trieglaff, Ouart, Dermody, Ludtke. Abstained: Miosek. Motion carried.

Council member reports

Public Safety Committee- Chief Lorsung updated the council on the Mowers and Vareberg properties. He stated that Mowers has cleaned up most of it, licensed and proved operable, all vehicles on site. Vareberg has slowly cleaned and continued a smaller mess.

Planning Commission- Ludtke gave an update on where the Heartland trail development is and gave a proposed plan of the route through the City. He stated the we do not know where the trail will enter from the East, but our proposed plan will be able to connect to it wherever it comes in. This proposed route through town will also help with the Safe Route to School program.

Personnel Committee-Miosek informed the council that the budget process has begun and moving ahead.

EDA- Ludtke noted that the first meeting of the Ottertail Gateway Redevelopment Group (OGRG) will be Tuesday, August 19th, at 12:00pm in the Fire hall. Ludtke, Smith, Joe Clausen, and Heath Pederson will be present to discuss who will be members of the group.

Next meeting is set for September 8th, 7:00pm.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

ATTEST:

Jonathan Smith, Clerk/Treasurer