

CITY OF FRAZEE

Meeting of the City Council

November 10th, 2008

Regular Meeting

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

Open Forum

Jim Nelson, 219 Maple Ave. West, was present to share his thoughts on how Frazee distributes its assessment costs for street projects. He stated that in November of 2007 at the public hearing it was presented that the property owners pay 58% and the City pays 42%, after the project was completed the property owners paid 64% and the City paid 36%. He noted that in Park Rapids and Detroit Lakes assessments for similar projects were assessed to the property owner at a lower percentage. He stated that he does not feel his property value will increase to the value he is being assessed.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the minutes from the October 13th, 2008 meeting.
- Approve the minutes from the October 27th, 2008 special meeting.
- Approve the City claims for payment.
- Approve the Liquor Store claims for payment.
- Approve a Raffle Permit for FastBreak club.

All present in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Ken Miosek, Frazee Rescue Squad, reported 14 calls for the month of October. One fire/medical standby and 13 medical related. Total call hours 60, total training hours 0, and total community hours 2. Total calls year to date are 137, with total hours year to date 1404.

No one was present to give the Fire Departments report.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported that the water usage is back to normal at 3,782,000 gallons for October. He noted that 14 ¾ gallons of fluoride was added and 3,030,000 gallons were pumped to the wastewater. There were 11 days of rain in October totaling 5.64 inches. Stephenson said that the docks and buoys have been pulled in and they removed an old wellhead from the park. The plows are ready for the winter, but still need some storage for the salt/sand mixture. He thinks they can make it through this year with hopes of having storage next year.

Mike Lorsung, Chief of Police, reported 378 calls for service and the Safe Route to Schools grant application is almost complete. He noted that they had to order more citation tickets.

Jonathan Smith, Frazee Liquor Store Manager, reported on the financials for the 4 entities. They had a good September with net incomes in 3 of the 4 entities. Smith noted that the Polka Dance once a month is good for the White Pine Room cutting into some of the expenses. He also noted that they just did a complete inventory count that came out good and they will start doing perpetual inventory counts instead of the full count. Ludtke made mention that we need to keep our ears open about what is happening at the state level with un-allotment. The Governor may decide to fix the state deficit by taking the LGA monies, so our different entities may need to look at ways to cut back.

Old Business

2008 Street Assessment Breakdown

Smith noted that Ulteig provided the breakdown, per the Councils request, for the Cedar and Maple Ave. street projects. He stated that it was just a FYI and it had no weight to it since the projects were bid together as one project.

Swift Site Progress Report

Ludtke asked how the Council wanted to go about naming the new street. Miosek mentioned that there be a contest to determine the name.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Trieglaff, to have a contest with a December 1st deadline, where the Public Safety Committee narrows the entries, to determine the name of the new street at the old Swift Site. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Trieglaff, to accept Resolution #1110-08E for the scheduling of the assessment hearing for the Swift Street project December 8th, 6:30pm. All present in favor, motion carried.

New Business

MOTION by Trieglaff, seconded by Miosek, to approve Resolution #1110-08A Approving City Election Results for the 2008 General Election. **City Councilmember** (the two top vote recipients fill the two vacant four year positions)

Beth Somerville	<u>215</u>
Donna Quart	<u>338</u>
Bobby Cates	<u>114</u>
David Lee Jopp II	<u>258</u>
Write-In	<u>7</u>

All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Trieglaff, seconded by Quart, to approve Resolution #1110-08C In the Matter of Minnesota's Water Resources.

Ludtke noted that this relates to the Red River water supply and other states needs for water. This resolution shows that we think it should be up to the voters to decide if

Minnesota's water is sold out of state. Bryce Anderson also noted that Fargo is really interested in piping our water to them. All present in favor, motion carried.

Council member reports

Public Safety Committee- Dermody reported that there was not much discussed at last months meeting due to the absence of Trieglaff.

Planning Commission- MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Quart, to approve the first reading of Ordinance #141 Regulating Biofuel Burners. Miosek mentioned that he was under the impression that these burners have been cleaned up to be safer for the environment. He also stated in the interest of energy conservation and getting away from oils and gases, this would be a step against it. He also asked what the difference would be if someone had a burner inside instead of outside. Trieglaff noted that these types of burners do not burn hot enough to rid all the pollutants. Quart asked about the penalties for violation of the Ordinance. She wondered how they are determined; Smith replied he will get some information from other communities with similar regulations. All present in favor, motion carried.

Bryce Anderson, EDA President, was present to inform the Council about the situation with Frazee Holdings LLC trying to locate just east of town on Hwy 87. Anderson noted that they have presented in front of the Frazee EDA and Frazee Planning Commission, both approving support for Frazee Holdings LLC. Anderson stated that the Becker County has tabled their decision on changing the zoning so they could get the opinion of the City on how they intend to zone this land for future use. The issue at hand is Frazee Holdings LLC bought nine acres of land just east of town on Hwy 87, this land is currently zoned residential by the County but is zoned as rural transitional by the City in their Comprehensive Plan. This area does lie within the 2 mile extraterritorial bounds of the City and that is the reason the County wants to hear their position. Anderson stated that the EDA feels it will be a positive impact on the local economy and the Planning Commission decided that Frazee Holdings LLC meets the future intended use of that area. MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Dermody, to approve Resolution #1110-08D Supporting Frazee Holding LLC. All present in favor, motion carried.

Personnel Committee- Miosek stated that the City personnel were doing a great job and they will be doing a review of City Clerk Jonathan Smith in the upcoming month. Smith along with a member of the Personnel Committee will be doing reviews on the rest of the Dept. Heads.

EDA- Anderson asked if the Council receives minutes from the monthly meetings, the reply was they do not. Smith noted that he will make those minutes available in the Council Packets. Ludtke noted that there was discussion on a possible industrial park east of town. He also noted that the purchase of the Potter House is final; Anderson added that he has talked with the High School about possibly building a home to occupy the now vacant lot. Anderson has also talked with County officials about helping finance a project for that site.

Sesquicentennial Committee- Dermody informed that the Sesqui Committee is having their talent showcase Thursday, Nov. 13th at the Frazee Event Center. He has about 8, with the potential of 12, performers and is expecting a good turnout.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

MOTION by Trieglaff, seconded by Dermody, to approve the renewal contract from Lakes Country Service Cooperative. Smith noted he has been in contact with LCSC to help develop a Employee Safety Plan. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Trieglaff, to approve the Red Willow Heights Phase I and Phase II assessment rolls. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Quart, seconded by Trieglaff, to approve Resolution #1110-08B placing past due utility bills on the 2009 tax roll. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Trieglaff, to set the budget hearing for December 8th, 6:30pm in the Firehall. All present in favor, motion carried.

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

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

ATTEST:

Jonathan Smith, Clerk/Treasurer