

CITY OF FRAZEE

Meeting of the City Council

September 8th, 2008

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Frazee City Council was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Ludtke. Council members present were Miosek, Ouart, Trieglaff, and Dermody.

Open Forum

Lynette Nelson, 213 Maple Ave. W., addressed concerns on the street project that was done this past summer. She stated that one other resident was unable to attend, but also had the same concerns. Mrs. Nelson expressed her concerns about the black dirt that was used was of a lesser quality than the dirt the contractor took out. The landscapers that did the project worked well with them, but she felt they left a lot of unnecessary debris underneath the sod. She explained that she took three days to pick out large rocks, old chunks of sod, and concrete chunks. Their main problem is the Quack grass that is coming up from the substandard black dirt, through the sod. They have been in contact with the County Extension Officer and he confirmed that it is Quack grass growing through and it is tough to get rid of. Mrs. Nelson stated to the Council that there is a problem and wants to know how it will be fixed. Smith informed the Council and Mrs. Nelson that he has calls in to the Extension Officer and a professional weed control sprayer to find out how we can alleviate the Quack grass. He stated that the problem will be resolved as soon as possible.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the minutes from the August 11, 2008 meeting.
- Approve the City claims for payment.
- Approve the Liquor Store claims for payment.
- Approve a Raffle Permit for February 6th, 2009 for the Frazee Sportsman Club.

All present in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Ken Miosek, Frazee Rescue Squad, reported the total number of calls for the month of August was 7 with total call hours of 32. 1 call was motor vehicle, 5 were medical, and 1 cancelled. There were 67 total community hours for the month. Miosek informed Council there is a County Wide Disaster Drill Wednesday, Sept. 10th, at the SooPass Ranch.

Paul Thon, Frazee Fire Department reported 0 calls for the month; however they did receive one for a train/car collision 31 minutes into September. They had 75.5 hours of training for the month. Thon noted that they will be conducting Hose Testing on the 16th and 17th, there will be a Wildland Search and Rescue training on the 27th, and a Live Propane burn on Oct. 1st. They will also be participating in the County Wide Disaster

Drill and be doing Fire Prevention at the School. He also stated they will be posting for new applicants in the paper the next two weeks, the deadline is Sept. 26th at 12 noon, testing will be conducted Sunday, Oct. 5th.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 6,755,000 gallons were pumped. This number is still up from what he thinks it should be, and they will be investigating possible leaks. 2.94 million gallons of wastewater were pumped out. They discharged 14.98 million gallons, bringing them to 40 million for the year. There was 1.3 inches of rain in July. Stephenson said they will start flushing water and sewer mains and winterizing, they have also been cutting back some of the trees on the roads.

Mike Lorsung, Chief of Police, noted that he and Officer Kulik had a good experience at the Republican National Convention. He said it was a great experience. Lorsung reported on the Mower property saying Detroit Lakes and the County are all supposed to be on the same page but the communication and timeliness has been an issue. Mower's property is still an issue and has been moving things in. Lorsung stated that according to ordinance the Council needs to give him written notice and the option to have a special meeting regarding the abatement of his property. He stated the letter will be sent tomorrow with a deadline for response of Sept. 17th, 2008, with a possible Special meeting Monday, Sept. 22, 2008.

MOTION by Quart, seconded by Dermody, to approve a letter to be sent to Jason Mower to clean up his property by Sept. 23, 2008, or request a Special meeting about the abatement of his property. All present in favor, motion carried.

Lorsung brought forward a detailed Administrative Fine list that would be more beneficial for the city's enforcement.

MOTION by Trieglaff, seconded by Dermody, to approve Resolution #0908-08c authorizing the City of Frazee to adopt the following amounts for Administering Administrative Penalties pending approval and/or changes by city attorney. All present in favor, motion carried.

Jonathan Smith, Frazee Liquor Store Manager, reported on the financials for the 4 entities. They had a very good August with net incomes in 3 of the 4 entities. He stated there is some interest in the White Pine Room for different events. The Event Center had 6 weddings in the month of August and the new tills are working well in the on and off sale.

Old Business

Tim Trieglaff variance application was reviewed. Smith stated that Trieglaff has reduced the proposed garage to 428 sq. ft. only covering 29.6% of his lot. He has moved the proposed structure forward to meet the 5ft. setback. The variance is for the set back on the front of the proposed structure, it lies 1ft off of the property line, but 21ft from the existing street. The Planning Commission has recommended granting the variance.

MOTION by Quart, seconded by Trieglaff, to grant a variance to Tim Trieglaff for the construction of a new garage at 405 Fir Ave. W.

Swift Site Progress Report: Smith noted that the grading of the site is about 80% done, the storm sewer is completely done, and the curb and gutter should be in, in the next

week or two. The project is coming along good and we are working on getting it developed.

New Business

Paul Thon was present to express his concern about the specials he is facing in the Red Willow Heights Development. He asked for help and options for paying the specials. Ludtke noted that we are waiting to hear what the City can do and there is no answer at this time. Thon noted that something has to change in order to market this development.

Council member reports

Public Safety Committee-

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Dermody, to approve Resolution #0908-08b for the Frazee Police Department to enter into a grant agreement with the MN Dept. of Public Safety for the Safe and Sober Communities program from Oct. 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. All present in favor, motion carried.

Planning Commission- Trieglaff shared with the Council the concerns of outdoor wood burning furnaces, such as the pollution of carcinogens, and the nuisance of the smoke to neighbors. He stated the Planning Commission is looking to act against allowing these units in the months to come.

Personnel Committee-Miosek informed the Council they had a chance to review the budget and adjust a few things. He stated the City Staff was doing their jobs and there were no issues.

EDA- Ludtke noted that there has been some confusion in the EDA about the newly formed OGRG and what its purpose is. Smith noted that the motion passed by the EDA forming this group was not specified, but his interpretation was the OGRG is responsible for the complete development of the Swift Site. The President of the EDA interpreted the motion as the development of the recreational aspect of the Swift Site. Ludtke noted that the OGRG was to take the place of the Swift Task Force, therefore take on the whole development of the site and that is how the group will act.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Smith went over some of the highlights of the 2009 Preliminary Budget. He noted that the tax levy will remain the same from 2008, due to a substantial increase of Local Government Aid.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Trieglaff, to approve Resolution #0908-08 for the 2009 Proposed Tax Levy. All present in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting is set for October 13th, 7:00pm.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

ATTEST:

Jonathan Smith, Clerk/Treasurer