

CITY OF FRAZEE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2009

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, Jopp, and Dermody.

Open Forum

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the minutes from the March Regular Meeting and the March 31st Special Meeting
- Approve the City bills for payment.
- Approve the Liquor Store bills for payment.
- Approve Gambling Permits for temporary use of alcohol at the Fire Department for the Fire Fighters Annual Card Party April 18, 2009

All present in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Ken Miosek, Rescue Squad, provided the report for the month of March, they had 16 calls, 3 motor vehicle, 13 medical for a total of 59 call hours, 67 training, and 8 community hours. Miosek also noted that they have certified 13 people for CPR and first aid.

Paul Thon, Fire Chief, reported 1 call in the month of March, 1 rollover. Thon noted that the FD provided dike watch up in Moorhead and helped with unloading and loading patients at Eventide. There 285 hours of training and 70 hours in calls and aid for March. He stated that the FD will be burning the river bottom this week and all landowners and neighbors have been notified. They will also be burning a house later this year and will be using that for some search and rescue training. Thon also mentioned that the grant for pagers and turnout gear has been completed and submitted.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 4.243million gallons of water pumped, 17.5 gallons of fluoride added, and 3.88 million gallons of wastewater pumped during the month of March. Stephenson noted that he will be contacting the street sweeping crew to see when they can come and clean the streets. He also noted that they are working on a list of the streets that need to be patched and the ones that need sealed this summer. He noted that he hopes to get some pricing on these projects as soon as he can.

Mike Lorsung, Police Chief, reported 290 calls for the month of March bring the year-to-date to 850 calls. Lorsung mentioned that WACCO will be giving 2 free training classes for free. He also mentioned that they are going to start sending out clean-up letters and he has begun to work on a grant that would pay for one full time officer for three years, our contribution would be to pay for the fourth year.

Jonathan Smith, Liquor Store Manager, reported a net loss of \$371.22 for the White Pine Room, and \$258.35 for the Event Center. There was a net income of \$3,561.97 for the On-Sale and \$2,059.30 for the Off-Sale. Smith explained some of the maintenance issues the building is having, noting that there are some severe issues where the walk in cooler is and where the ice machine is. He stated that they will be looking at quotes to figure the cost of fixing everything and rehabbing the building. Smith noted that the Event Center is starting to pick up with its event schedule. The Liquor complex has raised its prices with very little complaint from patrons and things are running smooth. He noted that April should be a good month with the holidays and hopefully warmer weather.

MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Miosek, to approve all staff reports as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

No old business to report

New Business

Resolution #0413-09A, Acceptance and Appreciation for Gifts and Donations during the Talent Showcase II

MOTION by Quart, seconded by Miosek, to approve Resolution #0413-09A, Accepting and showing Appreciation of Gifts and Donations during the Talent Showcase II. All present in favor, motion carried.

Resolution #0413-09B, Authorizing Application for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Revolving Loan Fund

Smith explained that the RBEG is an opportunity for the City and EDA to have access to funds to loan out to new and existing businesses in and around the community. The EDA has decided to contribute \$10,000 to the Grant Application bringing the total loan pool to \$100,000. These funds would be available to businesses at a low interest rate to help them with expansion or rehabbing.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Dermody, to approve the application for the RBEG Loan Fund through the USDA. All present in favor, motion carried.

Request for a show of appreciation to community and school members for helping the flood fight

Dermody asked that the City show their gratitude for the volunteers of the City and School who helped Fargo and Moorhead in their battle against the floodwaters of the Red River. Ludtke asked for a consensus of the Council to show appreciation to all who helped, all agreed.

Councilmember Reports

EDA

Ludtke noted that the EDA has been discussing some of the issues with the Sunrise Senior Villa, they have just purchased a new coin operated washing machine for \$100. The next EDA meeting will be at the Sunrise Senior Villa and they will be cleaning up there during the Day of Caring. Smith noted that the EDA will defer any development with the Potter Property. We have received one response from the RFP for the Swift Site and discussions on the development of that are under way.

Planning

Ludtke noted that he attended the meeting along with Matt Davis of the North Country Trail Association. They were there to discuss the route of the trail through the City. Smith noted the Planning accepted a path through town that starts on Hwy 87, goes down through R.L Frazee Park, then to Second Street, where it comes to a T. There would be signage directing them downtown and then out along Lake Street. Ludtke mentioned that they would begin working northward and southward now from Frazee to secure the route. Smith also noted that at the next meeting on May 5th there will be a public hearing on a request for rezoning in the Red Willow Heights development.

Personnel and Finance

Marian Estenson, Deputy Clerk, went over the results of the survey that was done on the back of the utility bills. She noted that there was little feedback but the majority of it was good. There were 376 bills that came back with only 39 responses. Smith noted that there has been further discussion on the 4 day work week, we have decided not to pursue that because the benefit to the residents and energy savings would not be measurable. Smith did state that with the current office hours, the office is only opened 36 hours a week, so they will be looking at addressing that by either opening earlier or closing later Monday-Thursday.

Public Safety

Smith noted that they have been discussing festivals and the safety of those events in town. He mentioned they will be having a meeting with all those involved with Turkey Days so they can all be on the same page as far as set up and safety of the event. Smith also noted that he has been in discussion with Superintendent Deron Stender about their instant alert system. This came up because it seems that no one responds to the sirens in town anymore and it could be a better way to get notices out to the residents. Smith said it is still in the very early stages research and he will report back with more pros and cons.

OGRG

Ludtke reported that the group is looking forward to the burning of the river bottom and are looking for ways to find money to plant trees and develop a walking trail along the river.

Special Events Committee

Dermody reported that the Talent Showcase was a success and the money has been delivered to the food pantry. The next Talent Showcase will be on November 5th and they are working on putting together an event for Turkey Days.

MOTION by Ouart, seconded by Dermody, to accept the Council Member reports. All present in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Assessment Notice Hearing April 15th.

Smith noted that the County Assessor, along with the City Assessor, will be conducting their annual hearing on April 15th at the Firehall at 5:00pm. Smith also noted that the first quarter budgets are included in the packet. These statements show the amount spent to-date along with the amount budgeted for the year. He also mentioned himself and Mayor Ludtke will be attending Legislative Day on April 29th.

MOTION by Jopp, seconded by Miosek, to accept the Clerk/Treasurer report. All present in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Frazee City Council will be May 11th, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

ATTEST:

Jonathan Smith, City Clerk/Treasurer