

CITY OF FRAZEE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

May 11th, 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

Phillip Riewer spoke on behalf of 6 Red Willow Heights residents that were present. He read from a prepared statement saying that they oppose the rezoning of a residential property to commercial in their development. He noted that they bought and built homes with the thought that they would live in a nice residential neighborhood without businesses de-valuing their properties. Riewer stated that they were promised a nice residential area with no obstructions, the intent of the person applying for the rezoning will obstruct our neighborhood. Mayor Ludtke informed the Mr. Riewer and other in attendance that they were given notices of the first public hearing on this matter and if it was of such concern they should have made more of an effort to be at that hearing. Ludtke noted that there will be another public hearing before the next council meeting where they can voice their concern once again.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the minutes from the April Regular Meeting and the April 15th County Assessment Hearing
- Approve the City bills for payment.
- Approve the Liquor Store bills for payment.
- Approve a Raffle Permit for the Gridiron Club, October, 2, 2009.

All present in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports

Ken Miosek, Rescue Squad, provided the report for the month of April, they had 13 calls, 2 motor vehicle, 9 medical, 1 standby, and 1 cancelled for a total of 51 call hours, 6 training, and 8 community hours.

Scott Geiselhart, Assistant Fire Chief, reported 5 calls in the month of April, 1 structure, 2 mutual aid, and 2 grass fires. Geiselhart noted that they had 2 training burns totaling 156 training hours, bringing the year to date training to 430.5 hours. June 13th will be extrication training and they may also hold their annual auction that evening.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 3.663 million gallons of water pumped, 13.5 gallons of fluoride added, and 3.190 million gallons of wastewater pumped during the month of April. Stephenson noted that we received .75 inches of precipitation

in April. He also noted that the last of frozen systems unfrozen last week, they broke ground for the new concession stand at the ball fields, ordered a new lawn mower for the cemetery, and they are in the process of getting bids for street maintenance.

Mike Lorsung, Police Chief, reported 330 calls for the month of April bring the year-to-date to 1,180 calls. Lorsung noted that they have begun to send out cleanup letters, some may need to be addressed at the next council meeting if they have not been cleaned up. He also noted there has been work on developing a updated maintenance ordinance to deal with vacated and condemned properties.

Jonathan Smith, Liquor Store Manager, reported a net loss of \$356.95 for the White Pine Room, and \$884.41 for the Event Center. There was a net income of \$4,480.1 for the On-Sale and \$2,990.56 for the Off-Sale. Smith noted that they are still working on getting prices on what it would take to “fix up” the facility. He noted that things are running good and it looks to be a good summer. He also noted that they are trying to do more radio advertising and cut back in other areas to see if it makes a difference.

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

Old Business

No old business to report

New Business

Fraze Electric Retrofit proposal

Smith presented a proposal from Fraze Electric to retrofit the lights in the City Office as well as the Police Office and Fire Hall. He noted that the quote came in at a reasonable rate and the retrofit should pay for itself with the rebate and energy savings within 1-2 years.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Quart, to approve the quote from Fraze Electric and have them perform the retrofit of lights in the City Office, Police Office, and Fire Hall. All present in favor, motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Amendment for Rezoning of Red Willow Heights, Parcel R50.0462.652

MOTION by Jopp, seconded by Dermody, to set Public Hearing for amendment of zoning ordinance for parcel R50.0462.652 in Red Willow Heights for 6:30pm on June 8th at the Fire Hall. All present in favor, motion carried.

Councilmember Reports

EDA

Smith noted that they are working on getting the Swift Site developed. They are also waiting to see if they received the grant from USDA to enhance the Loan Pool. Small Cities work is moving along and it looks as if we will be re-budgeting the funds at the end of the month to accommodate for the areas that need more money.

Planning

Lorsung noted that they had the public hearing for the rezoning of parcel R50.0462.652 in which the Planning Commission voted to approve, basically due to the lack of concern from residents. He noted they are also working on modifying our nuisance and blight ordinances.

Personnel and Finance

Miosek reported that everything is “good so far”.

Public Safety

Lorsung noted that we met with Turkey Days members and expressed some concerns for the upcoming celebration and everyone is willing to cooperate. Dermody noted that he and Lorsung attended a seminar put on by FEMA and found it irrelevant to our situation.

OGRG

Ludtke noted that the group is organizing groups to help girdle the box elder trees as well as planting new trees. He stated that the group gathered some projects for the Day of Caring to attend to.

Special Events Committee

Dermody noted that he and Jolene Tappe are working on a way to make the Yard of the Month happen this summer. Dermody asked about whether or not it would be appropriate to use some of the Special Events Committee funds to provide an incentive for people to participate. Smith noted that he would look into the legalities of using public funds for that purpose. Dermody noted that they were looking at \$25 a month for the best yard in town. It was noted that there would be some more work to see how the City can participate in this. Ludtke also mentioned that they will start looking for donations for the 4th of July Firework Celebration.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Smith noted that he and Mayor Ludtke attended Legislative Day down in St. Paul. He stated that at one seminar they were very positive that there would be a solution to the deficit soon, but in the next seminar they were very negative about what was happening and the affect it will have on cities.

The next regular meeting of the Frazee City Council will be June 8th, 2009 at 7:00 PM, with a Public Hearing on the Rezoning of Parcel R50.0462.652 at 6:30pm.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

ATTEST:

Jonathan Smith, City Clerk/Treasurer