

CITY OF FRAZEE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

October 12th, 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

Mayor Ludtke noted that due to Columbus Day, the City was unable to collect all the bills before tonight's meeting. MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Miosek, to accept all City and Liquor Store bills that are received on Tuesday Oct. 13 with a copy of the bills paid to be presented at the next Council meeting. All present in favor, motion carried.

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

- Approve the minutes from the September Regular Meeting, September 28th Joint Meeting minutes
- Approve the City bills for payment.
- Approve the Liquor Store bills for payment.
- Approve Raffle Permits for: Frazee Sportsmen Club, February 10th, 2010; PACE, February 26th, 2010

Staff Reports

Ken Miosek, Rescue Squad, noted they had a very successful County wide disaster drill.

Paul Thon, Fire Chief, reported 6 calls in the month of September totaling 81 hours. The Department did 6 trainings including a house burn and County Wide disaster drill totaling 310 training hours. Fire prevention was last week and the Department was able to teach elementary students fire safety and prevention and let them tour the fire hall.

MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Jopp, to approve the Fire Department Report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 3.886 million gallons of water pumped, 16 1/4 gallons of fluoride added, and 2.74 million gallons of wastewater pumped during the month of September; there was 1.06 inches of precipitation for the month as well. Stephenson noted that they began to flush hydrants, most things have been winterized, and all the docks have been pulled. He also asked to relocate a seasonal no parking sign to 2nd Street NW from Cedar to Elm.

MOTION by Ouart, seconded by Miosek, to install no parking sign on 2nd Street NW from Cedar to Elm. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Jopp, seconded by Ouart, to accept the Public Works Report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Mike Lorsung, Police Chief, noted the City of Frazee had 421 calls for September, bringing the total for the year to 3,176. Lorsung noted that it would cost approximately \$1400 for digital radios and handhelds; he is currently working on grant funding for this. He noted that the some agencies are dropping Administrative Fines because of all the restrictions the State imposed on them. Chief noted that he will look further into all the problems and see if Administrative Fines would be beneficial for Frazee.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Dermody, to approve the Police Report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Jonathan Smith, Liquor Store Manager, reported a net income for all four entities: this included: \$3,032.13 for the On-Sale, \$1,787.17 for the Off-Sale, \$2,131.26 for the Event Center, and \$167.50 for the White Pine Room. Smith noted the fall should be looking good as far as events go. This are moving along very well.

MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Quart, to approve the Liquor Store and Event Center Report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

NO OLD BUSINESS

New Business

NO NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Reports

EDA

Ludtke noted that the final \$50,000 has been reallocated to Owner Occupied to bring the Small Cities Grant to an end.

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

Planning

Smith noted they have been working on the new zoning ordinance section by section and are making good progress. He also noted that they are working on a Master Trail Plan that would involve connecting all neighborhoods by way of multi-use trails. An idea has come up to vacate some of the sidewalks and just provide trails to the main areas of each of the neighborhoods. Smith also noted that he is working on a Legacy Grant that would allow us to develop the trails that we were working on with the Safe Routes to School Grant last year.

MOTION by Quart, seconded by Dermody, to accept the Planning report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Personnel and Finance

Miosek noted that they are looking at applications and doing interviews in the very near future for the Summer Rec. Director position. They were able to look at the budget a little and will dive into it deeper at a later date.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Jopp, to accept the Personnel and Finance report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Public Safety

Dermody noted that they discussed the outdoor wood burning ordinance and how it will be enforced, as well as the demolition permit process.

MOTION by Quart, seconded by Miosek, to accept the Public Safety report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Special Events Committee

Dermody noted the Steam Locomotive will be coming through town again on Tuesday. Piano has been donated to the Event Center and will be refinished and tuned in time for the Talent Showcase III. Smith touched on the opinion from the City Auditor on how donations should be handled, stating that the group getting the funds, should collect the funds, then if they wish, donate back to the City for the costs that were incurred.

MOTION by Jopp, seconded by Miosek, to approve Special Events Committee report as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

Ludtke noted that this is an agreement signed by all mayors to help push the goals the State set for climate protection. It is an action that will hopefully motivate the State to help move the initiatives they set forward. MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Jopp, to accept and agree to have Mayor Ludtke sign on to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement. All present in favor, motion carried.

Instant Alert and Automatic Payment Updates

Smith updated the Council that there are 130 residents signed up for Instant Alert and 24 for Automatic Payments. He noted that this is a considered a great success so far and hopes to have more signed up by the end of the month.

The next regular meeting of the Frazee City Council will be October 9th, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Having no further business meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

ATTEST:

Jonathan Smith, City Clerk/Treasurer