

CITY OF FRAZEE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 14th, 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, Quart, Jopp, and Dermody.

Open Forum

Paul Thon, Red Willow Heights Developer, asked if the City would consider helping with mowing of vacant lots in Red Willow Heights. Ludtke noted that we would address it during the Public Works report.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the minutes from the August Regular Meeting
- Approve the City bills for payment.
- Approve the Liquor Store bills for payment.
- Approve temporary liquor permit for the VFW Post 7702, September 19th, 2009.

All present in favor, Consent Agenda approved.

Staff Reports

Ken Miosek, Rescue Squad, no report.

Paul Thon, Fire Chief, reported 4 calls in the month of August totaling 54 hours; 1 car rollover, 1 propane leak, 2 bale fires. The Department competed in the Fire Fighter Rodeo in Wadena and won \$1,400. Thon noted there will be a meeting on radio equipment for the County on the 15th of September. There will be a County wide disaster drill, a controlled house burn, hose testing, fire prevention at the elementary school, and a parade in Lake Park in the upcoming month. Thon noted that Height of Land is looking at a possible second dry hydrant to be put in next spring; they will be looking for grant money to cover costs. The Relief Association will be looking at amending some of their bylaws to comply with new state mandates, and the County will be putting on NIMS training in January. MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Jopp, to approve the Fire Department Report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 4.193 million gallons of water pumped, 16 3/4 gallons of fluoride added, and 2.91 million gallons of wastewater pumped during the month of August; there was 2.59 inches of precipitation for the month as well. Stephenson noted that they would look at Red Willow Heights to see if it were something they could bring the flail mower out to do, if so they would look at doing it for a nominal fee. MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Quart, to accept the Public Works Report. All present in favor, motion carried.

Mike Lorsung, Police Chief, noted the City of Frazee had 378 calls for August, bringing the total for the year to 2,756. Lorsung noted the culprits from the concession stand vandalism have been caught, they are paying restitution and the kids are going to be doing community service. He also noted that he will be looking into an ordinance on vacant lots, to prevent junk from accumulating on open lots.

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

RESOLUTION #0914-09A Safe and Sober Executive Agreement. MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Dermody, all present in favor, motion carried.

Jonathan Smith, Liquor Store Manager, reported a net income for three of the four entities: this included: \$2,726.90 for the On-Sale, \$2,648.76 for the Off-Sale, \$3,669.39 for the Event Center, and -\$143.11 for the White Pine Room. Smith noted they will have promotions for Fall Fest on the 19th and they are still working on getting bids for the sidewalk.

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

Old Business

Joint Meeting with Frazee-Vergas School Board September 28th, 6pm.

Motion by Jopp, seconded by Miosek, to approve a special meeting to be held with the Frazee-Vergas School Board on September 26th, 6pm at the Media Center at the High School. All present in favor, motion carried.

New Business

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Councilmember Reports

EDA

Smith noted that the EDA has been granted \$90,000 from the USDA for the RBEG program, there will be a reception for the grant on September 16th at 9:30am.

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

Planning

Smith noted the Commission will be working on a complete revamp of the Zoning Ordinance. There have been too many issues in the last couple of years that our current zoning ordinance does not deal with.

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

Personnel and Finance

Smith noted they have been offered an optional vision plan for staff, this will be completely paid by the employee, but would be a good addition to supplement their current benefits. A consensus of the council agreed this would be good to offer employees.

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

Public Safety

Dermody commended the Police Department for the good work they do, and noted that he as been talking with Chief Lorsung and Principal Brian Koslofsky about a restorative justice program that would help troubled youth at the school and within the community. More research is being done on this, but the hope is to have something in place by spring. MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Jopp, to accept the Public Safety report. All present in favor, motion carried.

OGRG

Did not meet. This group will meet as needed, but has not established any certain mission. *Special Events Committee*

Dermody noted there is less than 2 month until Talent Showcase III. The corn feed went great, so far the costs came in around \$125. It was a great, positive event.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Resolution #0914-09B Preliminary Tax Levy for 2010

Smith presented the Council with the Preliminary budget for 2010. He touched on the major increases and decreases from the 2009 budget. He stated that with this preliminary budget the tax rate for the City of Frazee will be 61.59% which is up a little from 2009. The total tax levy had an increase of 12.51% over the 2009 budget.

MOTION by Dermody, seconded by Jopp, to accept Resolution #0914-09B Preliminary Tax Levy for 2010 as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

Utility Billing- Automatic Withdrawal through United Community Bank

Smith explained they have been talking with UCB about giving residents the option of having their utility bills automatically withdraw from their personal bank accounts. Smith noted the cost is \$10 file fee (which is a monthly fee) and \$.10 per transaction. So it will cost the City \$10 a month plus \$.10 for each account that uses the service. Smith noted that we will see some savings as more people use this service as we will save time, and possibly mailings. He noted it would be a great feature for the residents and will help with the timeliness of payments. MOTION by Quart, seconded by Miosek, to set up automatic withdrawal through United Community Bank. All present in favor, motion carried.

There will be a special meeting of the Frazee City Council on September 28th with the Frazee-Vergas School Board at 6 pm at the High School Media Center.

The next regular meeting of the Frazee City Council will be October 12th, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Having no further business meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM.

ATTEST:

Jonathan Smith, City Clerk/Treasurer