

The meeting was called to order by Ald. Smith at 7:06 p.m. with the following Roll Call:

Members Present: Smith, Voss, Pasbrig

Members Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Heron, Ald. Nitschke, Ald. Hoy, Kathie Wild, Shelley Eilbes, Vern Hilker, Ron Wellner, Mike Kurutz, Sally Kahlhamer, Brian Paynter, Sue Smith

Item #2 – Approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting.

Motion by Ald. Voss, second by Ald. Pasbrig to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #3 – Citizen Comments.

None.

Item #4 – Treasurer’s Report.

A. Financial Report Distribution.

Shelley handed out to the council a financial summary report for the period ended May 31st.

Item #5 - Golf Course Update.

Nothing to Report.

Item #6 – Discuss Timeline and Updates for 2009-2013 Capital Projects.

Ald. Smith explained that we have to start borrowing again. The borrowing request that was put together last year is short of \$500,000 for 2 years. Shelley gave the council a spreadsheet showing that the city will have paid off \$2,329,000 of debt from 2008-2010. If we borrow the money for two years we will have three years to spend the money on the capital items. Ald. Smith would like to see the department heads come before the council to get approval of the purchases before they purchase anything. This will allow more control over the money after it’s borrowed. Ald. Smith expressed that he doesn’t see how we can avoid borrowing to replace our streets. His goal is to reduce our debt by half in five years. The Mayor expressed that nothing will be on the capital improvement list until the department head fills out the capital borrowing application that he has distributed to all department heads. The forms will need to be handed in to the treasurer and will then come before the council. The department heads will need to compile all the information for each capital item and keep the back up with the form for each item. \$5,000 will again be the minimum. There was a discussion as to the timeline and the need to borrow money this year or at the earliest next year. A deadline of August 8th was set for all department heads to have their forms turned into the treasurer. This item will be put on the agenda again next month.

Item #7 – Discuss/Recommend Changes to Agnesian Contract.

Mike explained that the only change to the Agnesian contract is the reduction of staff hours. Currently we have 28 hours and they would like to change it to 8 hours. They are looking at a staff reduction. The change will still provide good coverage. They still do have a desire to have a relationship with the Tag Center. There is no monetary exchange. Motion by Ald. Smith, second by Ald. Pasbrig to recommend to council the changes to the Agnesian contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 –Discuss/Recommend Property Disposal Ordinance.

Ald. Smith explained that he thought we needed to have a procedure to eliminate scrap and dispose of property. This could involve having an ordinance to get rid of real or ordinary property. This would give the city some direction as to how to handle random offers on property such as the recent situation with the golf course. Ald. Smith expressed that if you are of the mind to consider offers on any property than we need an ordinance. The Mayor expressed that he is all for this type of ordinance. It will help us dispense with unknowables. He feels it is worth considering. The ordinance will give authority, responsibility, and options to department heads. Kathie will make copies of the sample ordinances that she found and distribute to the department heads for their review and input.

Item #9 –Adjournment

Motion by Pasbrig, second by Voss to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathie Wild, City Clerk