

Walnut Grove, MN

December 14, 2015

The City Council met in a regular session on the 14th day of December 2015 at 7:00 PM in the City Office.

Present: Greg Hansen, Leonard McLaughlin, Xiong Yang, Todd Harrington and Jeff Harnack.

Also present: Mike Landuyt, Dillon Robinson, and Andy Foster

Mayor Hansen presided at the meeting.

The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was opened at 7:00 PM for public comment on the proposed budget. No residents were present. The 2016 budget was reviewed by the council. Total General Fund revenue is budgeted at \$629,715 and General Fund expenditures are budgeted for 629,715. The General Levy will be \$224,000. This is a 5% increase from 2015. Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the resolution certifying the 2016 Budget. All voted in favor, motion carried. The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was closed.

The Public Hearing for the rezoning of Park Place Second Addition (Washington Street lots) was opened. No residents were in attendance. The Public Hearing will be continued at the January 11, 2016 Council meeting. The Clerk will notify residents within 350 feet of the lots of the rezoning, and inform them of the public hearing.

Members of the Fire Department were present to ask the council to approve the application for a FEMA grant for turn out gear and radios. The grant would require a 5% match from city funds. They also will be applying for a Walnut Grove Foundation Grant for equipment. The council approved the applications.

The Water/ Wastewater report was discussed by the council. A quote for \$8370 to repair the secondary clarifier was received. Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Xiong Yang to go forward with the repairs. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Walnut Grove American Legion has requested a special Liquor License for February 7, 2016. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the special liquor license. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Land use permits were reviewed by the council. Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Todd Harrington to approve a fence for the Tyler Hansen property. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to pay membership dues to the Southwest MN Arts Council in the amount of \$250. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Jeff Harnack to pay dues to the Minnesota Association of Small Cities in the amount of \$506. All voted in favor, motion carried.

City policies were reviewed by the council. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the city policies for 2016 without changes unless otherwise stated in prior meetings (Personnel Policy), second by Xiong Yang. All voted in favor, motion carried.

2016 Rates and fees were discussed. Motion to by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to clarify the rate sheet to reflect that ambulance members will receive \$1 per hour while "On Call" for the service. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to thankfully accept the donations for the Parks, Walnut Grove Fire Department and Ambulance Department from the WG Area Loggers, the Frances Harnack Legion and the Frances Harnack Auxiliary. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the Minutes for the November 9, 2015 regular meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by, Leonard McLaughlin Second by Todd Harrington to approve Claims #37512 through 37579. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Jeff Harnack to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer