

Walnut Grove, MN

February 8, 2016

The City Council met in a regular session on the 8th day of February 2016 at 7:00 PM in the City Office.

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

Also present: Kerwin Armitage, Joleen Baumann, Buddy Baumann & Kristi Baker

Acting Mayor Todd Harrington presided at the meeting.

Joleen presented the council with information on a new Zoll 12 lead ECG machine and blood pressure machine that they would like the council to consider for the Ambulance Service. The current machine they have has not been reliable and has had to be repaired. The cost of the machine and all the extras would be \$28,813.96. The Council asked that she look into options for grants and other ways to purchase this piece of equipment. They will discuss this again at a later meeting.

Joleen & Buddy also presented information on Stryker power cot and power load for the ambulance. The cost for both the cot and the loader would be \$37,626. This equipment would significantly reduce the risk of back injuries for Ambulance personnel. Discussion was held on using funds from the Bar & Grill to purchase this equipment. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve the purchase of the Electric cot & Power Lift with funds transferred from the Bar & Grill. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Ambulance Service will be receiving \$2200 in funds from the WGAF and \$2100 from the Area Loggers to purchase two new radios for the ambulance service. The department will pay for the balance of the radios which cost \$2665 each. They will also be receiving a donation of a Lucas Device that provides CPR to patients from a grant from the Hemsley Charitable Trust Organization. The Council approved the applications for the radio and the Lucas device.

The Ambulance Service has decided that they would like to hold a "National Night Out" pot luck at the City Park on August 2, 2016 and will be having a meeting for anyone that would like to help plan on Feb. 24.

Kerwin Armitage presented the Water/ Wastewater report. The MPCA inspections have taken place. He will need to order sludge valves for the plant. The other equipment is operating as expected.

The annual Fire & Ambulance budget meetings with the Townships will be held February 23 at 1PM at the Fire Hall. The Council reviewed the budgets. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Jeff Harnack to approve the operating budget for the ambulance with Revenues & Expenditures totaling \$44640 each and the Fire Budget with Revenues & Expenditures totaling \$46784 each. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Walnut Grove combined Charities has made a contribution to the Walnut Grove Fire Dept. for 400.00 & Ambulance Funds for 485.00. Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Jeff Harnack to approve the Resolution thankfully accepting these contributions. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the new houses & garages in Walnut Grove and whether or not there should be floor drains allowed in the garages to drain into the sewer system. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to not allow any floor drains in garages to drain directly into the sewer lines. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on going forward to complete the Actuarial Audit report required for the City to have for the Fire Relief retirement funds. The initial first year actuarial audit was paid for with Fire Department funds. There are two reports available, one that the city is required to have and one for the Fire Relief Association. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Leonard McLaughlin to

approve going forward with the portion of the audit required for the City to have and paying for that with City funds. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve claims 37636-37696, check number 37685 to the County Recorder's office has been voided. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve the Minutes for the January 11, 2016 regular meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer