

Walnut Grove, MN

February 23, 2016

The City Council met in a special session on the 23rd day of February, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Walnut Grove Fire Hall.

Present: Mayor Greg Hansen, Fire Chief Chad Freeburg, Ambulance Director Joleen Baumann and City Clerk Paula McGarvey

Also present: Doug Krentz, Kevin Jenniges, Brian Johnson, Andy Foster, Buddy Baumann, Bob Zwack and Darold Knakmuhs.

Mayor Hansen presided at the meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to approve the Fire and Ambulance Budgets for 2016 with the townships.

The 2016 Fire Budget was presented. The 2016 fire contracts will be \$150 per section for fire protection and \$50 per section for vehicle replacement with the City matching those contributions. The 2016 Fire budget shows revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$46784.

Chief Freeburg reported on the new tanker that was purchased. The City and 4 of the Townships have paid all of their share leaving \$9600 still to be paid towards the Tanker purchase. The Fire department paid back the ambulance the funds borrowed for the purchase of the tanker.

The Ambulance budget was presented. The Townships will be asked to contribute \$40 per section to the Ambulance replacement Fund and \$40 per section to help cover ambulance on call pay. The City will match the Township contributions for the vehicle replacement funds and will contribute \$8000 to the ambulance fund to cover on call pay. The 2016 ambulance budget shows revenues and expenditures of \$44640.00.

Joleen presented the Townships with information on a new Zoll 12 lead ECG machine and blood pressure machine that they would like to purchase 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. She 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. The City has agreed to use funds from the Bar & Grill to purchase the cot & lift. 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.

Motion by Darold Knakmuhs, second by Doug Krentz to approve the 2016 Ambulance Budget of \$44640.00 and to approve the Fire Budget of \$46784.00. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn by Darold Knakmuhs, second by Doug Krentz to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey  
Clerk-Treasurer