

Walnut Grove, MN

March 14, 2016

The City Council met in a regular session on the 14th day of March 2016 at 7:00 PM in the City Office.

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

Also present: Tom Hansen, Kerwin Armitage, John Kramer, John Doubler, Donald E. Johnson, Krista Kopperud, Amy Ankrum

Mayor Greg Hansen presided at the meeting.

John Kramer presented the council with information regarding Medal of Honor Recipient Leo Thorsness. He will be honored in Minneapolis the first week in October and is hoping to be flown by helicopter to Walnut Grove by the National Guard. He would be visiting the school. John Kramer asked the Council to consider purchasing "Walnut Grove, Hometown of Medal of Honor Recipient Leo Thorsness" Signs for Highway 14 to Honor Mr. Thorsness. The Council will discuss this at a later meeting.

Krista Kopperud from Southwest MN Health & Human Services was present to discuss the possibility of opening up service offices in the Walnut Grove area to service clients in this part of the state. They are currently looking at options in the elementary school or possibly in Tracy. The Council was very supportive with the possibility of the offices moving to Walnut Grove.

Kerwin Armitage presented the Water/ Wastewater report. The MN Dept. of Health Environmental Health Division completed an Inner Wellhead Management Work Zone inspection to identify wellhead protection measures needed to prevent contamination. They recommended moving the gravel pocket drain a distance of 20'.

Discussion was held on the high flows at the treatment plant. Kerwin suspects much of this could be from sump pumps draining into floor drains. The Council approved Kerwin start sump pump inspections to educate residents about moving them so they drain outside beginning in March each year.

Kerwin will be getting a quote for the replacing the drive mechanism for the primary clarifier.

Tom Hansen presented the maintenance report. He will be putting up a fence at the landfill this spring. Discussion was held on fixing the drainage & culvert on 1st Street & Washington Street. Tom will get a grate to go over the culvert for safety reasons. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin second by Todd Harrington to approve repairing the drainage area and adding rock to it spending less than \$2000. All voted in favor, motion carried.

City Clean up will be held May 14th this year. The city will be getting 2 large dumpsters delivered to the city shop May 9.

Discussion was held on codifying the Walnut Grove ordinances. The City Attorney's office recently did this for a city and it took approximately 20 hours. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to go forward with codifying the City Ordinances. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Deb Johnson has requested permission to purchase a pizza freezer for the Bar & Grill. Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Xiong Yang to purchase a freezer for the Bar & Grill for approximately \$1400. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Council approved the purchase of CD's by the city for the Ambulance Vehicle & Equipment fund in the amount of \$100,000, The General Fund of \$150,000, and the General Fund Street repair fund of \$200,000.

Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the Land use permits for a fence for 341 6th Street, and 101 Washington Street for a new home. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve Robin Hansen as the Head Election Judge for 2016. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to approve claims 37697-37773. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Jeff Harnack to approve the Minutes for the Feb, 8 Regular Meeting and the Feb. 23, 2016 Special Meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington second by Leonard McLaughlin to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer