

Walnut Grove, MN

April 11, 2016

The City Council met in a regular session on the 11th day of April 2016 at 7:00 PM in the City Office.

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

Also present: Tom Hansen, Kerwin Armitage, Rory Lenton from MN Energy

Mayor Greg Hansen presided at the meeting.

Rory Lenton presented the council with information regarding the MN Energy franchise agreement. Motion by Xiong Yang to approve Ordinance 2016-0411 which is a 25 year franchise agreement with MN Energy, second by Todd Harrington. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Kerwin Armitage presented the Water/ Wastewater report. Kerwin has completed the manhole inspections throughout town.

Tom Hansen presented the maintenance report. Tom presented the council with a quote from M.R. Excavation for replacing the basketball court in the City Park and some patching of the streets in town. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Xiong Yang to approve the replacement of the basketball court for \$13,000 and to complete up to \$10,000 worth of street patching. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the trees on the North side of the city park. Many of them have split. The Council determined that they should be cut down in 2017 and replaced with a smaller tree.

The Council discussed needed sidewalk repair. Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Jeff Harnack to repair the sidewalk on the South side of Washington Street west of the school, and to repair the sidewalk on the West side of Sixth Street between Main and Washington Street. They will also try to repair the sidewalk on the South Side of Main west of Sixth Street. Tom will discuss this with Carter. 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.

Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Todd Harrington to approve the Resolution appointing Knakmuhs Agency as the City of Walnut Grove's Agent of Record for 2016-2017, Harnack, Yang, & Harrington voted in favor, Hansen abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Todd Harrington that resolves that the City of Walnut Grove does not waive the monetary limits on municipal Tort Liability established by MN Statute 466.04. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held again on the whether or not the city should regulate floor drains in residential garages or to have residents follow the MN plumbing codes. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Todd Harrington to rescind the motion made February 8 that did not allow floor drains in garages to drain into the sewer lines. All voted in favor, motion carried. The City will not regulate this, instead the homeowners should follow the MN plumbing codes.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Xiong Yang to approve claims 37774-37824. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Todd Harrington to approve the Minutes for the March 14, 2016 Meeting and the April 4, 2016 Special Meeting. 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

