

The City Council met in a regular session on the 20th day of June 2016 at 7:00 PM in the City Office.

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

Also present: Kerwin Armitage, Tom Hansen, Lisa Zmeskal & Tonya Duscher(Hoffman & Brobst)

Mayor Greg Hansen presided at the meeting.

Lisa Zmeskal from Hoffman & Brobst reviewed the 2015 audit report with the council. Key financial highlights include the following:

- The assets of the City exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent year.
- The Senior Housing Fund owes the General Fund \$96,000 from the first year operations.
- The General Fund Balance increased \$183,247 to \$1,027,841. This amounts to 157.9% of next year's budgeted expenditures which exceeds the fund balance goal of a minimum of 40% of next year's expenditures.
- The City implemented GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and GASB Statement No. 71, Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date for December 31, 2015.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to accept the audit report as presented. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the funds budgeted for the last few years for upcoming street repairs. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve the resolution committing those funds in the amount of \$165,000 for prior years, and \$40,000 budgeted in 2016 for a total current commitment of \$240,000 plus any future budgeted capital expense street repair funds that are not spent should also be committed. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Kerwin Armitage presented the Water/ Wastewater report. The backflow preventer needs to be replaced at the plant. Maguire will be scheduling painting of the inside of the water tower for August.

Discussion was held on the clarifier at the wastewater treatment plant. There have been recommendations from the MN Pollution Control to have this equipment replaced in the near future. Kerwin is still waiting for quotes from other companies to have the clarifier replaced.

Tom Hansen presented the maintenance report. The replacement of the basketball court was more than anticipated because of the asphalt was much thicker in the center than the edges of the court. Removal and extra gravel increased the initial quote given. A quote was received from Bergen for sealing the new asphalt for the basketball courts for the amount of \$1677. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Xiong Yang to approve sealing the court. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Craig Carter will be completing some sidewalk repair within the next few weeks. The Council approved ordering a new sign for the Community Center as some of the letters have fallen off the building.

The Police report was presented by Chief Zeug. Discussion was held on slowing traffic down in town and especially by the park. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve replacing the yield signs with Stop Signs on 7th Street and Bedal and to add Children Present signs. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the new law for Temporary Health Care Dwellings. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Xiong Yang to approve Ordinance 181, An Ordinance Opting Out of the Requirements of MN Statutes, Section 462.3593. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Walnut Grove Lions Club donated \$700 to the Walnut Grove Ambulance Department to help pay for the electric cot. Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Jeff Harnack to accept the donation. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the grants received from the Walnut Grove Area Foundation. Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Jeff Harnack to approve the applications, and the grants received from the Walnut Grove Foundation for the Walnut Grove Fire and Ambulance Departments and to approve the contribution From the Walnut Grove Area Loggers to the Ambulance Service for a radio. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on possibly remodeling the Community Center bathrooms. The Clerk will request quotes for this and present them at the next council meeting.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve the payment of \$511 for dues to MN Association of Small Cities. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve claims 37893-37993. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve the Minutes for the May 9, 2016 Meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Jeff Harnack to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer