

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

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

Also present: Kerwin Armitage, Michael Zeug & Tom Hansen

Mayor Greg Hansen presided at the meeting.

Kerwin Armitage presented the Water/ Wastewater report. Kerwin presented the council with the agreement for KHC for the clarifier for the wastewater treatment plant which Greg Hansen signed. Kerwin received an estimate of \$300 to have Trent Baker patch the roof of one of the buildings at the treatment plant. The Council approved this.

Tom Hansen presented information to the Council for the maintenance report. Discussion was held on constructing an alley behind the new properties on Washington Street. Jared Maas suggested digging out 12-24 inches of soil, adding 12 inches of pit gravel and then topping it with 6-8 inches of gravel. The Council will continue this discussion at the next council meeting as they were not in agreement with what is needed to direct drainage properly.

Discussion was held on the property on 6<sup>th</sup> Street that has received complaints for the condition of the building and the property. The City has received and reviewed condemnation options for hazardous buildings. The council determined they would not start condemnation process at this time and instead would like to give the owners the opportunity to make the building safe. The council directed the Clerk to send a letter to the property owners giving them 30 days to bring the property into compliance.

A second quote was received for the restroom remodel at the community center from Trent Baker for \$24,200. The quote from Plum Creek Cabinets was \$18,748. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to have Plum Creek Cabinets complete the remodel. All voted in favor, motion carried. This does not include the plumbing and electric.

The preliminary 2017 budget was discussed. The Council has determined that they would like to keep the general levy the same as 2016. There will be an increase to property taxes due to the fact that the MN Department of Revenue has adjusted the way that agricultural buildings would be taxed less than they have in the past. This adjustment would mean property tax increases for the remaining properties.

The Police report was presented by Chief Zeug. Discussion was held on speeding cars through Walnut Grove. Zeug reported that he has responded to calls regarding this and has responded accordingly.

Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the Land Use Application to add a patio at 330 Main Street. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve claims 38032-38098. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey  
Clerk-Treasurer