

The Walnut Grove City Council met in a regular session on the 10th day of October 2016 at 7:00 PM at the City Offices.

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

Also present: Kerwin Armitage, Michael Zeug,

Mayor Greg Hansen presided at the meeting.

The Bar & Grill report was presented by the clerk. Sales and profit continue to be down from a year ago. 2016 will likely again show a loss after depreciation. Discussion was held regarding pricing and the need to get prices changed sooner rather than later. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to have drink and beer prices adjusted as soon as the manager is able to get them set in the system. All voted in favor, motion carried. The Council would like Deb to attend the next council meeting to discuss any other changes she would recommend to increase profit at the Bar & Grill.

The Water / wastewater report was presented by Kerwin Armitage. The 4 remaining storm drains that were scheduled to be refurbished have been completed. The City will need to order a new explosion proof exhaust fan for the plant. The cost will be approximately \$650. The MN Department of Health was here to inspect the well houses, tower & plant. They were very pleased with the improvements to all.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Xiong Yang to approve the resolution for the sale of parcel #94-568-0740 located at 451 9<sup>th</sup> Street for \$100 to Andy Foster. The city purchased this property at the forfeited tax auction with the intent of cleaning it up and selling it. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Brief discussion was held on the grant information for the Fire Department. They are applying for a 90% grant to purchase equipment to wash the turn out gear. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Xiong Yang to approve the application for the grant. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the bathroom remodel. The council approved going forward with auto flush toilets, auto sensor lights, and auto sensor sinks.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to approve the \$400 repair cost for the street light on Main by Steffen Electric. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Xiong Yang to approve Donna Munson for an election judge for the General Election. All voted in favor, motion carried.

English Lutheran Church and St. Olaf Church presented the city with donations for the Walnut Grove Fire Department and Walnut Grove Ambulance. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to thankfully accept the contribution from them. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to approve claims 38160-38231. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Harnack, second Leonard McLaughlin by to approve the Minutes for the September 12, 2016 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