

May 12, 2025

The City Council met for a regularly scheduled council meeting at the Walnut Grove City offices on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00PM.

Present: Ron Stubbe, Yeng Yang, Dylan Albertson, Sue West and Dale Shannon.

Also Present: Tom Hansen, Beth Bjorklund, Andy Foster, Dillon Robinson, Crystal Knakmuhs, Alex Johnson, David Graham and Allan Anderson.

Mayor Ron Stubbe called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Mayor Stubbe asked if there were any residents that had any comments or complaints. A resident commented that he has witnessed several e-bikes in town that are not obeying the traffic laws. He stated that he almost hit one with a vehicle when the person riding the e-bike failed to stop at a stop sign.

Crystal Knakmuhs was present to make an offer to the city for the purchase of the west 20' of Parcel 94-200-1500, block 10, lot 2 located at 691 Main Street. Their intent for this property will be to add a fire exit and outdoor walkway for the upstairs apartments along with adding a fenced patio for the coffee shop at ground level. Motion by Yeng Yang, seconded by Dale Shannon to approve the sale of 20' of parcel 94-200-1500 to Knakmuhs Enterprises for \$500 with the stipulation that the buyer promises to maintain and improve the property within 3 years or the property will revert to the city. Yeng, Shannon, West and Albertson voted in favor. Stubbe voted against. Motion carried.

Tom Hansen presented the maintenance report. The city purchased a few air conditioner units and Tom has replaced some of the ones at Country View that weren't working properly. He will replace additional units next week.

The stove/oven is not working properly at Country View. It is over 20 years old and has been fixed several times. Motion by Sue West, seconded by Yeng Yang to order and replace the current stove/oven with a Vulcan Range from Equipppers for approximately \$4600-\$4800. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Bolton & Menk helped the city complete and submit the online application for the PFA Intended Use Plan for the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer & water project. Applications were also made to both the Clean Water Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

The Bar & Grill report was discussed. The roof was re-shingled and in doing so the company determined they needed to replace the roof sheathing because what was on there had warped. The additional material and labor was \$2434.34 bringing the total project cost for labor and roof sheathing to \$8909.34.

Beth Bjorklund presented the EMS coordinator and ambulance report. The Walnut Grove Ambulance Service received a Certificate of Excellence for their performance rating from the State of Minnesota Office of Emergency Medical Services. Beth and another member of the service plan to visit with the 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the school during EMS week. The ambulance licensing inspection is scheduled to take place May 13.

The Walnut Grove Police Chief presented the monthly report. There was a burglary reported in town. Chief Graham described it as a crime of opportunity.

The city attorney reviewed section 11.2 of the City Code regarding Shade tree pest control. His recommendation is to approve Ordinance 192 which will replace section 11.2 in its entirety and replace it with section 11.3 to update to the City Code to include the monitoring, treatment and / or the removal of any trees if they become infested or diseased at the owner's expense. Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Sue West to approve Ordinance 192 replacing section 11.2 with 11.3 in the Walnut Grove City Code. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Applications were reviewed for a peddlers permit application for Troy Vang & Melinda Yang to sell product from their food truck and land use application to add cement pads in front and back of the shed at 751 8<sup>th</sup> Street for Craig Kleven. Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Yeng Yang to approve both applications and issue the permits. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Yeng Yang, seconded by Dale Shannon to approve claims 45076-45145. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Dale Shannon, seconded by Sue West to approve the Minutes for April 14, 2025 regular meeting and the April 27, 2025 Special meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Sue West to open the Public Hearing for the Board of Appeals and Equalization at 8:00PM. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Dylan Albertson, seconded by Dale Shannon to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey  
Clerk-Treasurer