

Walnut Grove, MN

May 9, 2016

The City Council met in a regular session on the 9th day of May 2016 at 7:00 PM in the City Office.

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

Also present: Tom Hansen, Kerwin Armitage, Buddy Baumann & Joleen Baumann

Mayor Greg Hansen presided at the meeting.

Buddy & Joleen presented the council with information regarding the Active 911 cell phone app that will be available for EMS. They would receive alerts on their smart phones for calls which include the type of emergency call and the address for it including directions to the call. There would also be an option for EMS to reply to the page stating they would be responding. This could likely eliminate the need for some of the responders to carry radios. The Council approved the purchase of this app for each Ambulance and Fire Department member at a cost of approximately 12.00 per EMS person per year.

The new electric cot will be installed within 2 weeks. EMT's have completed their refresher. The Walnut Grove Ambulance members will be working together with the WG Police to celebrate National Night Out with a potluck at the City Park in August.

Buddy presented information to the Council about an application from the Fire Department for a matching grant from the DNR for 2 pagers that need to be replaced. The Grant amount would be approximately \$500. Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the application for the DNR grant. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Kerwin Armitage presented the Water/ Wastewater report. Hydrant flushing was completed. Two hydrants need to be replaced. One hydrant was an emergency repair on Washington & 8th Street, as he was unable to turn off the water completely. The council approved the replacement of the two hydrants.

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 has been in contact with KHC about the equipment and work that would need to be done. KHC happens to have the parts needed and would be willing to discount them considerably if the city decides to have the work done in the near future. The Cost of the repair would be in the ballpark of \$96,000. The council is in agreement that if it would save the city money in the long run, they should have the work completed. Kerwin will get quotes from other companies to have the same work done and discussion will be continued at the next council meeting.

When the new property owner was having the basement dug at the new lot on Washington Street it was discovered that there was drain tile going through the property. The City hired Jaren Maas to reroute the tile and it will be paid for from the Storm Water Fund.

Tom Hansen presented the maintenance report. The street patching and the replacement of the basketball court should be completed within the next couple of weeks. A quote was received from Bargaen for crack repair on the streets. The Council determined they would wait on this.

Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Todd Harrington to approve claims 37825-37893. All voted in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Leonard McLaughlin to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer