

City of Loretto
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
August 2, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Koch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Kent Koch, Council members Clark Lohr, John Neumann, Tom Pedersen, and Jeff Tepfer. Also present: City Clerk Cindy Patnode, Public Works Director Jeff Leuer, and City Attorney Paula Callies.

There was one person in the audience.

SET AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

- under Informational – Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Update
- LMCC Fiber Optic Update

APPROVE MINUTES

On a motion by Lohr, seconded by Tepfer, to approve the July 12, 2011 Minutes as submitted.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2011-18, ACCEPTING FIREWORKS DONATIONS

On a motion by Neumann, seconded by Lohr, to approve Resolution 2011-18, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR FUN FEST FIREWORKS.

Motion carried unanimously.

SETTING TIME AND DATE FOR TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

On a motion by Neumann, seconded by Tepfer, to set the time and date for the Truth in Taxation hearing for Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 7 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ITEMS (RAC)

Minutes

The RAC Minutes of 7/14/11 were accepted as submitted.

Other

Lohr met with Hennepin County representative regarding a planning grant the will provide a boost to the planning services for the Redevelopment project if awarded. The Council reviewed the concept plan that was submitted to the RAC Committee at their last meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Recycling Update

June incentive winners: Recycling – Mickey Van Lith family; Organic – Blake Swenson family.

Liquor Ordinance

Attorney Callies stated that the city code seems to be out of sync with what the current Council would like to authorize. She stated to bring it up to date the code would cost approximately \$1,000.

On a motion by Lohr, seconded by Neumann, to authorize the Attorney to work with the City Clerk on updating the liquor ordinance section of the code book.

Motion carried unanimously.

Fun Fest Update

Planning is underway to include the street dance as part of the Fun Fest. Contracts that need to be signed should be done by the Mayor and Clerk. The next Fun Fest meeting is scheduled for 8/15/11.

Fire Merger Meeting – Thursday, August 4, 2011

Koch reminded the Council of the merger meeting with local officials on Thursday, August 4th at St. Peter & Paul in the Community Center. The goal is to get input from the area residents regarding the LFD and how they feel of a potential merger with Hamel FD.

Compost Update

Leuer informed the Council that the compost pile was shut down due to complaints regarding burning. He is actively working on finding other ways to get rid of the brush, mainly by working on a chipping program with one of the local businesses. Talk of a permanent burn site was also discussed and Leuer was directed to check with the PCA and/or the DNR to find out the details on that process. If fees were charged for the brush, a staff person would need to be assigned to that and costs would be a concern.

Council consensus was to put a hold on the burning and inform residents that the brush pile is available for their use. Council will track costs and discuss at the Budget Workshop.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Update

Neumann updated the Council of the Kick off meeting held in Delano on July 26th. He stated they are hoping to bring more cities into the organization. Buttons are for sale for \$2 at the Delano City Hall to support the cause.

Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission (LMCC) Fiber Optic Update

Neumann informed the Council of the Fiber Optic project that the LMCC is pursuing for upgrading technology purposes. The cost of the feasibility study is \$55,000 and the LMCC has budgeted for that cost. There will be no fee for this study to the cities. LMCC will be voting on this feasibility study on August 18th. There is a CD available for the community to view. If interested, contact the City Hall to sign out the CD (2.5 hour program).

Council consensus was to favor moving forward with the feasibility study.

MONTHLY REPORTS

City Hall

Performance Reviews for City Clerk and Public Works Director

Pedersen and Tepfer will set up a meeting with the City Clerk & Public Works Director to start the process of the review.

Streets

No items brought forward.

Water

No items brought forward.

Wastewater

Lohr inquired the status of the increased paperwork for Leuer with the last NPDES Permitting requirements. Leuer informed them that he is working through the increased workload and is also working on I & I issues.

Parks

Koch informed the Council that the Loretto Larks are hosting regional teams for the next two weekends.

Storm water

Meeting updates

Role of the Watershed Commission was discussed briefly. Council consensus was to keep the organization as is and not in favor of a tax authority type of government.

Wetland Delineation Status

A meeting with the stake holders will be Friday, August 5th at the Loretto City Hall to discuss the wetland delineation that was determined and the next steps for applying for the grant.

******* The Attorney was dismissed at 7:55 p.m. *******

FINANCIAL

August Bills

On a motion by Neumann, seconded by Lohr, to approve check #'s 922E-941E and 19484-19513 (voiding #19507) in the amount of \$102,368.41.

Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Report

Council reviewed the Monthly Balance Sheet dated 7/29/11.

No action taken.

Input for Budget Workshop

Council will provide input to staff during the next few weeks regarding the 2012 Budget. Although there are no guarantees that there will be any increase in staff wages, Council direction was to start with a 4% increase for staff and a \$3 increase/hour to Kottke (based on the recommendation of Leuer).

Leuer to meet with Tepfer and Pedersen to deal with the Fire Contract employee portion.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Tepfer, seconded by Lohr, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Cynthia J. Patnode, City Clerk

Kent Koch, Mayor