

MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LA CRESCENT, MINNESOTA
JUNE 23, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the second meeting of the City Council of the City of La Crescent for the month of June was called to order by Mayor Mike Poellinger at 5:30 PM in the La Crescent City Hall, La Crescent, Minnesota, on Monday, June 23, 2014, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon a roll call taken and tallied by the City Attorney, the following members were present: Members Bernie Buehler, John Graf, Greg Husmann, Dale Williams, and Mayor Mike Poellinger. Members absent: None. Also present was City Administrator bill Waller and City Attorney Skip Wieser.

Mayor Poellinger asked if anyone wished to take action to change the agenda as presented. It was requested to move #3.10 – Planning Commission Minutes - June 3, 2013 to #3.0.

ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA

At this time, the Mayor read the following items to be considered as part of the Consent Agenda, including the above change to the agenda, for this regular meeting:

- 1.1 MINUTES – JUNE 9, 2014
- 1.2 BILLS PAYABLE THROUGH JUNE 19, 2014

At the conclusion of the reading of the Consent Agenda, Mayor Poellinger asked if the Council wished to have any of the items removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.0 – PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – JUNE 3, 2014

City Council reviewed the Minutes from the June 3, 2014 Planning Commission Meeting. Planning Commission Chair Don Smith gave an overview regarding the topic of retail sales in Residential Districts per City Code Chapters 112 and 116. The draft of an addition to the zoning ordinances was reviewed by the Commission. If Council supports the direction the Planning Commission would follow the procedure for

amending the Zoning Ordinances and call for a Public Hearing at their July meeting with the Public Hearing to be held at their August meeting. It was the consensus of the City Council to move forward. No action taken.

ITEM 3.1 – SOUTH 14TH STREET PROJECT BID RESULTS

City Administrator Waller gave an overview to City Council of the two bids received for the 2014 South 14th Street Project. It was recommended to Council to accept the low bid received by Pember Companies, Inc. for \$328,269.70. The bid was reviewed by Council. The estimate of the construction project was \$325,400.00 including contingencies. This was based on the modified scope of the project. The project includes reclaiming the existing bituminous surface, shaping the aggregate and new bituminous pavement, along with pedestrian facilities improvements along the north side of the roadway. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID RECEIVED BY PEMBER COMPANIES, INC. FOR \$328,269.70 FOR THE 2014 SOUTH 14TH STREET PROJECT.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.2 – WELL #2 EVALUATION

City Administrator Waller gave an overview to City Council regarding evaluating the options for utilization of Well #2 and connecting it to the Radium Removal Plant, or abandoning Well #2 and constructing a new well near the Radium Removal Plant. As part of the evaluation by WHKS, the well pump should be removed and the well televised to review the condition of the existing equipment including the motor, column pipe, casing pipe, and control system. WHKS has solicited quotes for these services from Shawver Well and Their Well. It was recommended that the City accept the quote from Their Well for \$8,800.00. The quotes did not include reinstallation of the well pump as that work could be performed at a future date after the decision has been made by Council. After completion of the work, WHKS will review the data and complete their evaluation of the well. Following discussion, Member Graf made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM THEIR WELL FOR \$8,800.00 TO REVIEW THE CONDITION OF THE EXISTING EQUIPMENT IN WELL #2 INCLUDING THE MOTOR, COLUMN PIPE, CASING PIPE, AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING THE OPTIONS FOR UTILIZATION OF THE WELL.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.3 – MONTE CARLO ROAD UPDATE

City Attorney Wieser reviewed with City Council a correspondence from a Shore Acres residence regarding Monte Carlo Road and the existing title issues and finalizing the easements. Following discussion, it was the consensus of Council to have WHKS provide a cost estimate to widen Monte Carlo Road. No action taken.

ITEM 3.4 – TRAIN WHISTLE BLOWING

City Attorney Wieser gave an update to City Council regarding the train whistle blowing issue. No action taken.

ITEM 3.5 – MnDOT CAPITAL GRANT – PURCHASE BUS

City Administrator Waller gave an overview to City Council regarding the purchase of a new bus. The City has received a 2014 MnDOT capital grant to purchase a new bus that will be utilized in the transit service. The grant is in the amount of \$125,600.00 and will pay 80% of the cost of purchasing the bus. There is a local share of 20%, which amounts to \$32,400.00. There are funds in the City's MnDOT reserve account from the transit service to pay the local share. A copy of the financial assistance outline was reviewed with Council. The new bus will be painted with the Apple Express theme and the MTU Board will consider amending the annual cost of the transit service to take into account the local share of the cost of acquiring the vehicle. As in the past, a lease agreement will be developed for the MTU to lease the vehicle from the City of La Crescent. It was recommended to Council to approve the purchase of the new bus, authorize the required signatures for the MnDOT capital grant, approve the local share of the cost of acquiring the vehicle, and amend the 2014 general fund budget to reflect this acquisition.

Following discussion, Member Husmann introduced the following resolution and moved its passage and adoption:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-14-13

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A NEW TRANSIT BUS FOR THE CITY OF LA CRESCENT

WHEREAS, City of La Crescent contracts with La Crosse Municipal Transit to operate a transit system; and

WHEREAS, City of La Crescent desires to purchase, through the State of Minnesota Cooperative Procurement Process, a vehicle to be used in the transit system; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle cost is allocated 20% local share and 80% State/Federal share of the “contract amount”; and

WHEREAS, La Crosse Municipal Transit staff has reviewed the vehicle options offered by approved multiple contracting vendors; and

WHEREAS, the staff recommends purchasing a vehicle from Hoglund Bus Company for the reason of Low floor design and past vendor performance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of La Crescent hereby authorizes the purchase of a new transit bus from Hoglund Bus Company in the approximate amount of \$157,000.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June 2014.

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

The foregoing motion was duly seconded by Member Graf and upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

Also, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, as follows:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES FOR THE MNDOT CAPITAL GRANT, APPROVE THE LOCAL SHARE OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING THE VEHICLE, AND AMEND THE 2014 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO REFLECT THIS ACQUISITION.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.6 – CALL FOR SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

It was recommended to City Council the a Special City Council Meeting be called on Monday, June 30, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of beginning the Organizational Study planning process. Following discussion, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, as follows:

MOTION TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 30, 2014 AT 5:30 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEGINNING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY PLANNING PROCESS.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.7 – LIZ FEST – 3.2 LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council reviewed an application for an “on-sale 3.2” liquor license from Liz Fest which is scheduled for August 9, 2014, at Veterans Park. The City Administrator informed the Council that the application appears to be in order and recommended approval. Following discussion, Member Graf made a motion, seconded by Member Buehler, as follows:

MOTION TO GRANT AN ON-SALE 3.2 LIQUOR LICENSE FOR LIZ FEST ON AUGUST 9, 2014, AT VETERANS PARK.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.8 – ABLE – GAMBLING PERMIT APPLICATION

Council reviewed a gambling permit application from ABLE for a raffle that will be held on November 6, 2014. City Administrator informed the Council that the application appears to be in order and recommended approval and that it authorize that it be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Following discussion, Member Buehler made a motion, seconded by Member Williams, as follows:

MOTION TO APPROVE A GAMBLING PERMIT TO ABLE FOR A RAFFLE TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014 AND TO AUTHORIZE IT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.9 – GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES –MARCH 26, 2014

City Council reviewed the minutes from the March 26, 2014 Golf Commission Meeting. The Golf Commission is also recommending approval of the proposed 2014 golf course budget. There were questions regarding the roof repairs needed and a plaque for the parking lot donation. Following discussion, Member Graf made a motion, seconded by Member Buehler, as follows:

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2014 GOLF COURSE BUDGET AS SUBMITTED BY THE GOLF COMMISSION.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.11 – LIONS CLUB – 3.2 LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council reviewed an application for an “on-sale 3.2” liquor license from the La Crescent Lions Club for a tournament that will be held August 2 and 3, 2014, at Abnet Field. City Administrator informed the Council that the application appears to be in order and recommended approval. Following discussion, Member Williams made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO GRANT AN ON-SALE 3.2 LIQUOR LICENSE TO THE LA CRESCENT LIONS CLUB FOR A TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST 2-3, 2014, AT ABNET FIELD.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 3.12 – APPLEFEST – LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Council reviewed an application for a 1 to 4 day temporary on-sale liquor license from Applefest to be held September 18-21, 2014. City Administrator informed the Council that the application appears to be in order and recommended approval and that it authorize that it be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Following discussion, Member Graf made a motion, seconded by Member Husmann, as follows:

MOTION TO GRANT A 1 TO 4 DAY TEMPORARY ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSE TO APPLEFEST TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2014 AND TO AUTHORIZE IT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Administrator, all Members present voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graff	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried.

ITEM 6.1 – LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES – APRIL 8, 2014

City Council reviewed the minutes from the April 8, 2014 Library Board Meeting. No action taken.

ITEM 8 – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Larry Jankowski of the Chamber updated City Council on the Amazing Slice that will be held next weekend.

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, Member Husmann made a motion, seconded by Member Graf, to adjourn the meeting. Upon a roll call vote taken and tallied by the City Attorney, all Members voted in favor thereof, viz;

Bernie Buehler	Yes
John Graf	Yes
Greg Husmann	Yes
Dale Williams	Yes
Mike Poellinger	Yes

and none voted against the same. The motion was declared duly carried and the meeting duly adjourned at 5:57 PM.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

SIGNED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator