

April 21, 2009

A regular meeting of the Scandia City Council was held on the above date. Mayor Seefeldt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following council members were present: Council members Connie Amos, Pete Crum, John Lindell, Dolores Peterson and Mayor Dennis Seefeldt. Staff present: Administrator Anne Hurlburt, City Attorney Dave Hebert, City Planner Sherri Buss, Building/Code Enforcement Official Steve Thorp and Treasurer Colleen Firkus.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public comments.

On behalf of the City Council and the City of Scandia, Mayor Seefeldt thanked long-time volunteer firefighter Walter LaRoche for his 20 years of service with a framed Certificate of Appreciation. The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes for a reception and cake in the community center hall.

ACCEPT DONATION FROM SCANDIA MARINE LIONS FOR PURCHASE OF SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT (RESOLUTION 04-21-09-03)

Mayor Seefeldt commented on the tremendous amount of work and financial contributions the Lions make in Scandia and Marine. **Peterson, seconded by Amos, moved to accept a donation of \$7,500 from the Scandia-Marine Lions for skate park equipment. The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council member Peterson added a discussion of Scandia PTO's Fun Run/Walk to the agenda. **Crum, seconded by Peterson, moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following consent agenda was presented:

- a) Minutes
 - 1) March 17, 2009 Regular Meeting
 - 2) April 7, 2009 Meeting with Planning Commission
- b) Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance 03/01/09	\$1,239,628.76
Receipts	+ <u>29,233.45</u>
Expenditures	116,636.07
Payroll	<u>22,612.29</u>
Ending Balance 03/31/09	- <u>139,248.36</u> \$1,129,613.85
- c) Payment of Vouchers
- d) Program Agreement with Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys for Summer 2009 Recreation Programs
- e) Annual Operators Permits (AOP) for Mining Operations, Bracht Bros. Inc, (*Resolution 04-21-08-01*)

Peterson, seconded by Crum, moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Parks Committee Chair Alex Bildeaux reported that a cleanup for the Wind in the Pines Park is scheduled for this Saturday, April 25, starting at 8:00 a.m. in conjunction with Heavy Metal Day.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chris Majeski reported on the past month's police activity commenting that it was a very busy month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Jim Finnegan reported that the 800 MHz radio switchover has been fully implemented in the department. Finnegan also reported that he and Assistant Chief Yehle completed their ICS 400 training.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

Building/Code Enforcement Official Steve Thorp reported that permit activity is picking up and he has his first house permit of the year. Thorp also went over the mining inspection program he has created for following up on requirements in the CUPs and AOPs of gravel mining operations in the city.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

2009 Budget

City Administrator Hurlburt recommended setting a workshop date for the Council to consider cuts to the 2009 budget to accommodate the expected loss of the city's MVHC. A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m.

SCOPING DECISION, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS), TILLER CORPORATION'S ZAVORAL MINING AND RECLAMATION PROJECT (RESOLUTION 04-21-09-02)

City Planner Sherri Buss reviewed the changes made to the Scoping document pointing out that the deadline for adoption is April 22, 2009. The next step will be to develop a request for proposals for professional services needed to prepare the EIS.

Peterson, seconded by Crum, moved to adopt Resolution 04-21-09-02 to accept the Final Scoping Decision for the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project EIS. The motion passed unanimously.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR USE OF SCANDIA PUBLIC PARKS, ORDINANCE NO.115

City Administrator Hurlburt reviewed citizen concerns about the new Parks Rules Ordinance. Jerry Cusick, 15978 Scandia Trail, stated that it may be better to specifically indicate that the new rules don't apply to the city's river and lake boat landings, and a swampy area north of Bone Lake where hunting occurs. Mr. Cusick also mentioned that having an archery program in a public park would also be illegal. Cusick suggested some wording changes to the ordinance.

Seefeldt spoke in favor of make these changes. Staff will bring a draft ordinance back to the Council to vote on these changes.

2008 AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, LARSEN ALLEN

Laron Allen principal Craig Popenhagen and senior auditor Brady Hoffman were present to answer questions regarding the audit and discuss upcoming GASB changes that will affect the city. Council member Lindell requested a workshop to go over the financial figures. Popenhagen suggested they meet prior to making a budget for next year. July was suggested as a good time to meet.

Peterson, seconded by Lindell, moved to accept the Auditors Report and Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2008, and direct publication of the summary financial statements as required by state law. The motion passed unanimously.

LAKES AREA COMMUNITY TELEVISION – GAIL MOHR AND GREG OCHS

No one was present to address this item.

LILLESKOGEN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

City Administrator Hurlburt was instrumental in acquiring a \$7,500 contribution from the CMSCWD to be applied toward the design and construction of a water control structure at Lilleskogen Park. Approval is needed for a cost-sharing agreement between CMSCWD and the city. The City would agree to construct and maintain the water control structure for a minimum of 10 years. Also needed is approval of a proposal from SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for engineering services not to exceed \$13,800. The project has a budget of \$25,000, with the balance of the project is to be paid from the Parks Capital Improvement Fund. Administrator Hurlburt has also submitted an “expression of interest” to the DNR for a matching grant program which could provide \$12,300 to be used for plantings for the wetland restoration.

Crum, seconded by Seefeldt, moved to approve the project cost-sharing agreement with CMSCWD and approve the proposal from SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for engineering services in the amount not to exceed \$13,800, to be paid from the Parks Capital Improvement Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATIONS TO CARNELIAN-MARINE-ST. CROIX WATERSHED BOARD OF MANAGERS

Three people have applied for appointment to the CMSCWD; Steve Kronmiller, current president of CMSCWD whose term expires June 21, 2009, Michael White and Gary Orlich.

Peterson, seconded by Crum, moved to nominate Steve Kronmiller for reappointment to the CMSCWD. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNITY CENTER USE FOR SCANDIA PTO FUN RUN/WALK ON MAY 16

Council member Peterson expressed concern that the Scandia PTO would have to do in-kind service for use of the Community Center for their Run/Walk. Presenting her own research, Peterson expressed her opinion that it was perfectly acceptable for the city to give free use of the community center to the PTO for their fundraiser. City attorney Hebert reiterated his research

from the Minnesota State Auditor and Attorney General that free use of the community center, when it has an established rental policy, is considered a donation, and it is illegal for cities to provide donations to non-profit groups. Hurlburt suggested the Council could revisit the rental policy.

Peterson, seconded by Amos, moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Firkus
Treasurer