

October 14, 2008

Mayor Dains called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Councillors present: Lara Mac Lean, Denise Hawkinson, Karen Doherty, Clay Christensen, and Mayor Jeff Dains.

Staff present: Heather Butkowsky, Acting City Administrator; Jim Bownik, Assistant to the City Administrator; Dave Hinrichs, Public Works Coordinator.

Mayor Dains asked for additions, deletions, or changes to the meeting agenda.

There being none, Councilor Hawkinson moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Christensen moved approval of the September 23, 2008, City Council minutes. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilor Doherty moved approval of the claims totaling \$86,902.91. Councilor Hawkinson provided the second and the motion carried.

Mayor Dains asked if members of the public wished to address the Council.

Larry Lambert, 1803 Eustis Street, addressed the Council regarding activities at 1801 Eustis Street. He is concerned they are operating a commercial enterprise in a residential district. Butkowski explained that she discussed the situation with the city attorney and the City will need police reports indicating the activity occurring to petition the owners into court. Lambert indicated his displeasure with the City's course of action.

Councilor Mac Lean moved the consent agenda approving 2009 rental housing licenses, Resolution 101408A – Adopting Local Surface Water Management Plan, and authorizing clean up of the Eustis/Malvern alley. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Kathy Lerald, chair of the Park and Community Involvement Committee (PCIC), requested the Council support a dance in March. The approximate cost of the event is \$600 with the cost off-set by ticket sales. Entertainment would be provided by the Jennifer Grimm Band. Grimm is a Lauderdale resident. If approved, advertising for the event would begin in the November/December City Newsletter.

Councilor Mac Lean moved to approve the proposal for the March dance as presented by Kathy Lerald. Councilor Doherty seconded the motion and it carried.

Mn/DOT offered to install pedestrian lights when the TH280 Bridge is replaced. Butkowski explained that on-going maintenance would be the responsibility of the City. The Council reviewed the outdoor lighting options that Xcel supports. They generally agreed upon "Lantern without spikes" on base B in the bronze color. Before a final decision is made, the Council asked staff to follow up with Mn/DOT on issues related to maintenance and aesthetics.

Butkowski read the items on the agenda for the next meeting: TH280 bridge light maintenance, Rysgaard replat project, recycling contract renewal, 1816 Walnut zoning code enforcement, Halloween, and the 2009 budget.

Bownik reported plans for the Halloween Event. Candy and monetary donations are being accepted at City Hall. Set up will primarily be on September 29. The maze will be constructed on October 30. All are welcome to attend and encouraged to dress in costume. The Council took a break from 8:05 pm to 8:15 pm before moving into the Work Session.

Earlier this year, the City Council authorized Infratech to televise the City's sanitary sewer system as a means to determine sources of infiltration. Joe Rubbelke of Infratech provided the Council with the findings. He explained there are a few places within the system that the City could patch as a part of regular maintenance but they do not account for the excess waste water metered during storm events.

Rubbelke then explained that Infratech recently won contracts to "smoke test" in neighboring cities to find sources of inflow and infiltration within public and private connections. He explained smoke testing through a series of diagrams and answered council members' questions about the process. He also explained the methods used for notifying property owners. In addition to newsletters and the local media, Rubbelke recommended using UPS-style notification stickers on windows.

Butkowski explained to the Council that the City is obligated to spend approximately \$48,500 before the end of 2009 on an inflow and infiltration solution. Smoke testing would be one way to do that, and depending upon the results, may not require every home receive an in-house inspection.

The Council asked Rubbelke to provide a quote and timeline for the work to the next meeting with the goal of smoke testing in November.

The Council took a break from 9:17 pm to 9:20 pm.

Earlier this year, the Council asked Ramsey County to stripe crosswalks on County Roads within the City. The County responded recently that they would not be willing to do all of them but would consider striping intersections the Council was most concerned about. The

Council directed staff to ask Ramsey County whether they would stripe crosswalks at Roselawn and Eustis as well as Spring and Eustis.

The Council moved to the Council Communications agenda item.

- The Mayor informed the Council and staff that he was approached by a dog park user about using the Stillwater Restorative Justice Program to improve the dog park. Bownik explained that Trygve Hansen and Leslie Kratz were working on a recommendation to bring to the Council. Additionally, Bownik asked the Council to clarify their position on dog park spending. The Council asked staff to add funds to the park maintenance budget for the dog park for 2009. They will consider adding other dog park improvements to the Capital Improvement Program for the 2010 budget and beyond.

- Currently, Xcel has transmission lines built into the TH280 Bridge that need to be redirected before the bridge is taken down. Xcel staff described plans to Hinrichs last week about burying the cables six feet deep down Ione and Malvern Streets. This would mean cutting into the streets. Hinrichs told them the Council would not be interested in that arrangement and suggested they run them along Min/DOT's right-of-way in the alley behind Malvern Street. The Xcel staffer said he would suggest that to their engineers. Hinrichs thinks they are going to try to move quickly yet this fall. Butkowski spoke to the City's attorneys and they feel the City has a good right-of-way management document. Staff will update the Council as information becomes available.

- The Silver State Bank funds were returned and reinvested this week.
- The public hearing for the 2009 budget will be advertised for November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff will work on bridge lighting options for the next meeting.
- Staff met with Min/DOT and Roseville staff to discuss alternative sewer connection options for Roseville's lift station along TH280. There is no final resolution yet on the best course of action.

Councilor Hawkinson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Mac Lean seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Butkowski  
Acting City Administrator