

Minutes  
July 20, 2010  
General Meeting

- 1) The Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Charles Neff at 7:00 p.m.
  - a) Council members present were, Charles Neff, Mayor, Bob Dablow, Mark Hanson and Burl Ingebretsen. Shelly Poehls was unable to attend.
  - b) Others present were Norm Nyland, Aaron Mayry, Rich Hayes, Markell Briden, Aric Saign, Bob & Cindy Greggor, Rich Schenck and Dan Hanson

2) The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

- 3) Previous Minutes
  - a) General Meeting

**A MOTION** was made by Mark Hanson to approve the June 15, 2010 minutes. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

- 4) City Attorney-Zenas Baer
  - a) Sabin Days road closure – Charlie heard from Zenas regarding this issue and he said it was well within the cities powers to close main street for Sabin Harvest Days.
  - b) Rosenfeldt lease – This issue has been going on for almost two years the council made the decision to terminate the lease, however Shelley wanted to try and make contact personally. A cashier's check was dropped in the city drop box, but has not, and probably will not be, cashed until this issue is closed. It appears that no headway was made so Zenas sent them a certified letter informing them that their lease has been terminated for lack of payment and they have 30 days to vacate the premises. There was a lot of discussion on what would now happen to the building. The council decided to allow the 30 days to expire and decide on what to do with the building.

**A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to table this issue to the next meeting. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Hanson and the motion carried.

5) City Engineer-Dan Hanson – There was some impressed people with the sewer line issue that was under the railroad to the one house on city sewer on that side of town. It sounds like we got a really good deal to do this process. Key Contracting were the ones that lined everything up and did an awesome job. Key contracting just finished doing a lot of manhole replacements that were authorized a while back. Dan asked if there was any street work that will be coming up after the main street report that was done a few years ago. Norm asked if Old 52 through town was going to be done with the Old 52 project this year. Dan didn't think Sabin was going to be included.

6) Building Permits-Roland Holms – His report was submitted. There were no questions.

7) Amendments to Agenda

8) Citizens concerns – Bob Greggor requested that they be allowed to close main street for the 61 for 61 Bike Run for about 4 hours for about 600 to 800 bikers. The street will be used mostly for parking. The Lions will be serving the pork sandwiches. The FM Crusader's also wants to know where their exact lot lines are. Bob Greggor says the county tells him to talk to the city and the city doesn't have anything to do with it. The only way to get an exact measurement is to have it surveyed. They would

like to put a garage behind the Club House and want to know how much room they have.

10) Maintenance Department-Aaron Mayry – Aaron reported that he had hauled in the fencing material and cleaned up the garage. He sprayed for weeds around the city garage. He picked rock in the parks and hauled them away. He has been working on the pond pretty hard and the chemicals is getting pretty expensive. He has been in contact with a guy on the internet that made a chemical suggestion. Some of the trees in the fountain park are having a hard time getting water because the sod is so “hard”. He has dug some sod and loosened up some soil which seems to be helping. He replaced a panel on the concession stand and has been working on the diamonds and street signs. He has been trying to use the blower more but the sand on the streets makes it difficult to utilize. He has primed the basketball boards and will be finishing them soon. He will be getting some “paint” expertize for painting the community center and fixing a few other items. He's going to be painting fire hydrants too. Mark asked about an old plywood sign that is on one of the back rests and was wondering if it could be taken down or something. Aaron will take it down. There are some old man hole covers and

11) Water Department-Rich Hayes – There was some complaints about some rusty water on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> avenues. He flushed some hydrants and fixed a problem at the plant and things seem to be better. The Re-Ox is continuing to flow and do it's job. He's going to constitute to monitor the chlorine levels. Charlie wants Rich to keep in close contact with Nick Dablow since he's been having to most problems. Also to check with people that have had problems in the past and stay ahead of the complaints. An arsenic sample gets sent in in August.

12) Sewer Department-Norm Nyland – Norm asked Key Contracting to do a survey on all our man holes again. Norm would like to get a rotation on cleaning and video taping sewer lines again. Bill Hughs came out in June. There is a lot of by pass happening with the pump. The parts have been authorized, paid for and received. We're just waiting for Bill to come back and put them in. the generator was started and ran for a little while during a phase out in town during a recent storm. The ponds are looking really good. Weeds were sprayed in June and a noxious weed has started to develop. Aaron was asked to see what he could find out about the. 1.68 millions of waste water was pumped out to the lagoon in June. One man hole was raised 2-1/2 inches which will help immensely with keeping rain water out of the ponds.

a) Review progress on sump pumps – There are still some outstanding inspections. Once all are completed the council will review the data.

b) Railroad sewer line – It was suggested to Norm that the line needs to be checked a little farther down the line. He will check that out next week.

13) Mayor's Minute – Charlie is concerned about the community center keys. He has found doors being left open, lights on, etc. There was some discussion on what keys open what and who has what keys. The key at the Crowbar has been picked up.

14) Treasurers Report – Charlie reported that the he only had time to print off the general fund report. He also reported that we have about \$67,651.09 of “real savings”. There were no questions. It stands as presented.

15) Receipts & Disbursements

**A MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve the disbursements after adding a bill from Haugen Mower Sales. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and the motion carried.

16) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills and Past Dues – Charlie reported that he didn't realize you need to assess the late fee before running the new bills so late fees were not accessed.

a) Past Dues and Shut offs were sent out on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Four residents were on the Shut off list. A total of \$2,795.37 is past due.

17) Old Business

a) Sabin Harvest Days – Aric Saign reported that there is going to be an “informational” meeting on Thursday night and wanted to know if he was going to be charged rent. The policy is that if more than 25 persons attend, there will be a charge for the Community Center. The also checked to make sure their August 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> dates were still rental. Aric asked if the streets were going to be swept before Sabin Harvest Days. Charlie said he was working on it. Norm suggested checking with the county. There was some questions about the amount of Porta Pottis the city was going to rent. Aric wanted to know if there was a chance of getting a roll off dumpster. Bob Greggor offered to get rid of the garbage if it's all in bags. Bob Greggor also suggested maybe contacting Fuch or Ken's and see if they'll donate a dumpster. Norm wanted to suggest that the water fights be moved from St. Ceslia's to behind Trinity because of the fact that there is no hydrant in that location.

**A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to waive the hall rent for Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East – Charley talked to Brad Fitzgerald and he is waiting for a locate and need a flagman then they will start working on the road.

There was a 5 minute break

18) New Business

a) City Clerk's position – The hiring committee had 14 resumes submitted. A committee of Bob Dablow, Charley Neff and Becky Nyland went through the resumes and decided to interview four individuals for the position. That committee recommends a lady by the name of Illa Grover. She's lives in Fargo, works with gambling at the American Legion, was very articulate, had an outstanding resume, etc. It was an extremely decision for the committee to make since all four interviewees were all very qualified. The 2<sup>nd</sup> choice was Wendy Ott and if for some reason Illa decides not to accept the position Wendy should be offered the position.

**A MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to accept the committees' recommendation to hire Illa Grover for the city clerk's position and if for some reason Illa decides not to accept the position it be offered to Wendy Ott. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Hanson and the motion carried.

Charley will call Illa and offer her the job and see if she accepts and when she can start.

b) Signs for city – Renee Wolf suggested

**A MOTION** was made by Charles Neff to use money that was budgeted for the city picnic's band for the signs. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Dablow and after much discussion about wording the motion carried.

c) Community center – already discussed under Aaron

19) Commissioner Reports

a) Health and Weeds-Charles Neff – mosquitoes have been sprayed for 5 times and they are

still pretty bad.

- b) Civil Defense-Randy Schmidt – Randy was not in attendance. - The sirens work.
- c) Planning and Zoning - Aaron Skattum – Aaron was not in attendance.
- d) Fire District - Bob Dablow – Turned in minutes, financial reports and bills from May and June. He also reported that the FD burned two mobile homes as a training exercise.
- e) Rescue Squad - Shelley Poehls – Shelley was not in attendance. Sabin Rescue has been attending training with the FD. Will have both rigs in the Sabin Harvest Days parade. The 13<sup>th</sup> of September is the next tentative training date.
- f) Parks - Burl Ingebretsen – There is another broken horse. The tether ball is also missing but does not need to be taken care of right now. The weeds around the basketball court need to be sprayed later in the fall. Norm will have his “weed guy” do them when he does the lagoons.
- g) Recycling - Mark Hanson – nothing to report.
- h) Streets - Mark Hanson – There is an issue with some trees over flowing and blocking the line of site getting on to Old 52. Mark will contact the residence's mother and if that doesn't get any where, Charley will contact the county and/or Zenas to see what else can be done.

## 20)Adjournment

**A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to adjourn. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

Motion was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Becky Nyland  
Acting Clerk

Approved: 8/17/2010