

**Minutes**  
September 21, 2010  
General Meeting

**1) The meeting was called to order** by Bob Dablow at 7:03.

a) Council Members present were Bob Dablow, Burl Ingebretsen and Shelley Poehls. Charles Neff/Mayor and Mark Hanson were unable to attend.

b) Others Present were Wendy Otte/Clerk, Aaron Mayry, Rich Hayes, Norm Nyland, Aaron Skattum, Dan Hanson, Richard Schenck, Cory Bjerke, and Steve Sneider.

**2) The Pledge of Allegiance** was said.

**3) Previous Minutes**

a) General Meeting - August 17, 2010

**A MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the General Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2010. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

b) Special Meeting – September 8, 2010

**A MOTION** was made by Burl Ingebretsen to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for September 8, 2010. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shelley Poehls and the motion carried.

**4) City Attorney** – Zenas Baer – Not Present to report.

**5) City Engineer** – Dan Hanson - nothing to report.

**6) Building Permits** – Roland Holms – Not Present to report.

**7) Amendments to Agenda**

a) **FM Crusaders** dropped a letter asking for use of Main Street end to end on September 25, 2010 for the 61 for 61 Motorcycle run and would also like to use the Community Center on that date. There will be 800 possible bikers in town for the event. The council thought there should be no problems.

b) **Any Connect** Steve Sneider of Any Connect (wireless internet company) would like to move his equipment to the water tower (he is currently on the grain elevator). He would remove the abandoned equipment that is already on the water tower and replace with his equipment. Council asked if he could come to the next council meeting on October 19, 2010. He agreed and would like to be put on the agenda for that meeting. Burl asked about what rates he pays elsewhere he said some \$0 up to \$2,000 a year in some places. He prefers to set up accounts at a yearly rate.

**8) Citizens concerns** – none.

**9) Maintenance Department** – Aaron Mayry – Aaron has been doing regular upkeep with the weeds in the lagoons. Painting of the brown stripes on the Community Center is finished. Painting has begun on the faded fire hydrants. There was some discussion about marking the fire hydrants as not to be hit by plows in the winter. Norm suggested spring loaded flags and Aaron will look into those. There is another load of scrap metal he'll try to get hauled out. There are some old steele posts out behind the fire hall that Charley would liked saved, he's trying to remove the concrete on and get them put away

for storage. Aaron and Wendy have also been looking into grants that will pay to replace the heating unit for the Community Center. Bob stated the Community Center would be more marketable if air conditioning was available. Aaron also stated the current unit also uses a lot of fuel, so replacing would save money over time. Burl asked if there had been any luck with the grants yet. We found one that looks great, but there isn't enough time to get it checked into and sent in as it is due the beginning of October. Aaron will keep looking into it on his own time.

**10) Water Department** – Rich Hayes- 8,600,000 gallons have been pumped so far this year, at the end of December last year a total of 13,000,000 had been pumped, so it is looking as if less will be pumped for the year as of now. We had an alarm go off due to a back wash fail, but it wasn't a big deal. Rich will be attending a training class on Minnesota Rural Water in Detroit Lakes on October 26, 2010 for his license, he's required 16 hours every 3 years.

**11) Sewer Department** – Norm Nyland – Bill Hughes from Hughes Lift Station repaired the lift station he put in 2 new mounts in the bottom of the lift station. Bill lifted floats which minimizes the problems with the vacuum and cavatating. If there is a problem we don't have a lot of time to fix before it will start to flood someones basement, there are no check valves in the lift station. 1.78 million gallons were pumped to the lagoons last month, it should drop, but is still too high. Dave's Spray Service sprayed last week, it should be the last time before the freeze up. Norm did a predischarge test out on the second lagoon and the water looks really good out there. After tests come back if everything looks good he will start the discharge on Tuesday.

a) Review progress on sump pumps – Most have been checked Bob isn't quite finished yet.

**12) Mayors Minute** – Charley not present, Bob just wanted to thank everyone for doing such great jobs.

**13) Treasurers Report** – Financial reports were looked at, looks good. Will be looking more during budget meeting.

**14) Receipts & Disbursements** – We are getting some internet bill payments for water/sewer/garbage which is nice to see.

**A MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the Receipts & Disbursements. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

**15) Water/Sewer/Garbage Bills & Past Dues**

a) We should contact people with higher balances and try to work out arrangements to get them caught up.

**16) Old Business** – none.

**17) New Business**

a) The Crowbar is requesting a liqor license for September 25, 2010 for the FM Crusaders 61 for 61 event.

**A MOTION** was made by Shelley Poehls to approve the liqor license for the Crowbar. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried.

**18) Commissioner Reports**

- a) **Health & Weeds** - Charles Neff - Not Present to report.
- b) **Civil Defense** - Randy Schmidt – Not Present to report.
- c) **Planning & Zoning** - Aaron Skattum – Aaron brought in a new map showing the zoning. It shows an areal view from 2009 and looks great.
- d) **Fire District** - Bob Dablow – The next meeting is on October 11, 2010 we are looking at 3 new members for approval at that meeting. Working on the fire district web page not much yet, the site is [www.sabin-elmwoodfire.com](http://www.sabin-elmwoodfire.com).
- e) **Rescue Squad** – Shelley Poehls – Shelley brought in a copy of the Rescue Squad Minutes. An application for a new Rescue Squad Member, Sarah Skatvold was brought in for approval. **A MOTION** was made by Bob Dablow to approve the application for Sarah Skatvold. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burl Ingebretsen and the motion carried. Richard Schenck added that on September 27, 2010 FM Fire & Rescue will be training the Rescue Squad on a car rescue. The rescue Squad is also short on radios, pagers, and keys for the Rescue Squad Building. Richard will check into grants and the cost of the radios & pagers. He will put together a list of needs for the next meeting.
- f) **Parks** - Burl Ingebretsen – Burl talked about planting some trees, he will look into what type to plant and talk to Charley when he returns. Would like Jiffy Jons contacted to pick up the Port-a-Potties by the end of October for the year.
- g) **Recycling** - Mark Hanson – Not present to report.
- h) **Streets** – Mark Hanson – Not Present to report.

## 19) Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Wendy Otte, City Clerk

Approved 10/19/2010