

CITY OF FRAZEE

REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRAZEE CITY COUNCIL

Monday, August 12, 2019

6:05 pm

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Frazee City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Ken Miosek. This monthly meeting was held at the Frazee Event Center to make room for individuals who had shown interest in attending that reside around Eagle Lake. The plan is to discuss the option of selling Eagle Lake Park and the council will be hearing residents on their opinion on that ideal. Council members present were Mark Flemmer, Mark Kemper, Nicole Strand, and Mike Sharp. City staff present: Marian Estenson, Deputy Clerk; Nancy Kiehl, Deputy Clerk; Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent; Tyler Trieglaff, Chief of Police and Rescue Squad President; Joe Nelson Fire Chief; and Jolene Tappe, Event Center Manager.

Miosek led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum

Present for the open forum were residents surrounding Eagle Lake.

First to speak was:

Thomas Doherty: Mr. Doherty reported that he has researched this idea thoroughly and is against the sale. They would lose the support from the DNR and will also lose their public access. Property values would decrease.

Rick Billett: Billett stated that he is the Burlington Township Chairman and is attending the meeting to state that the road running through the park belongs to the Township and even if the property sells, the township would retain ownership of that road and will continue to maintain it. No building would be allowed to block that road.

Mike Fladeland: Fladeland noted that he owns land on the South side of the lake and is against the sale. His reason is loss of public access for boating and recreation. Curious why the city is considering the sale and noted that he and a number of the residents are willing to help with maintenance. Encourages the city to be careful in this consideration.

Bonnie Peterson: Lives on the West side. As a new homeowner is concerned about how to put a pontoon on the lake if this property is sold and concerned about the lowering of their property value and DNR access to stock the lake.

Laurel Erickson: Erickson noted that when she first heard that the city was considering sale of the park, she immediately decided that she had to purchase. Her reasoning is to avoid another trailer park or dump. She stated that hundreds and hundreds of families use the park. She noted in her youth she used the park for swimming and feels the city has a real moral obligation to keep that park experience and what was intended by the former owners for that park. Also she noted that all the families need that access. People of the Lake would be willing to help out with maintenance. Will effect those who cannot afford to buy lake property.

Rhanda Shaw: Shaw asked questions: Has the city received an appraisal for the property?

Miosek: in the works right now. Is that appraisal two fold, with or without the access?

Miosek: we are exploring all options. Has the city had any discussions with the DNR and their thoughts? Miosek: the city administrator has talked to them, she isn't here tonight but

has been in contact with them and they were getting back with us.

Ed Jutz: Jutz noted that he doesn't live on the south end of the lake but owns property there and is wondering why we want to sell. Miosek: maintenance issues and upkeep are some of the reasons. Jutz: noting that a lot of people use the park that can't afford property. Jutz noted his willingness to do some backhoe work to improve the beach many years ago and the offer still stands.

Debby Grauther: Lives on the West side of the lake. Does not want the park sold. Property values would decrease. Park is packed every weekend. Grautner noted her willingness to help take care of it, help out.

Dustin Knutson: Lives on the NE side of the Lake. His is against the sale and noted that 50 or more people are there each weekend. Homeowners use the park and this will impact property values. Knutson asked if we had information on what the maintenance costs are. Miosek noted that it is something that the city is working on putting together.

Jerry Hanson: lives on the South side of the lake. He noted that he echoed the sentiment of the others and is against the sale of the park. He surveyed owners and noted that there was 31 owners who would lose their access of their own lake. He noted that the city is planning on using the money from the sale of the park to help improve parks within the city limits. This will mean more people will be using the city beach which would cause over crowding of that beach.

Bruce Jacobs: Jacobs owns Blues Valley campground. He noted that he would hate to see the city sell the park. Jacobs also stated that there will be NO access allowed at his campground. Their Conditional use prohibits the allowing of non-park residents to use their lake access. Jacobs also noted the vandalism and other issues. He also noted the historical issues as he was on the fire department when the decision was made to turn it over to the city. He also felt that if the city sells, the fire relief association should get some of the money.

John Okeson: Okeson, County Commissioner was present and noted that the NRM meeting was coming up and they would be addressing this issue. He would hate to see the city sell as it proceeds to open another one.

Laurel Erickson spoke again and thanked the city maintenance crew for the work done to this point.

Miosek thanked the residents for their concern and attending the meeting.

Miosek announced a 15 minute break.

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Sharp, seconded by Strand, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- Minutes from the July 18th, 2019 Regular Meeting;
- Approval of City and Liquor Store Claims;
- Review of City Cash Accounts

All present in favor, motion carried.

New Business

MOTION by Sharp, seconded by Strand to approve Resolution 0812-19A, Resolution Expressing Acceptance and Appreciation for a \$750.00 donation from the Frazee Lions Club for Parks and Recreation for the purchase of items needed for the purchase and installation of Frisbee Golf equipment in the Frazee Lions Park. All present in favor, motion

carried. Noted by Sharp is the process of working through the logistic issues relating to the discovery of Burial Mounds and the need to stay a proper distance back.

MOTION by Kemper, seconded by Sharp to approve Resolution 0812-19B, Resolution Acknowledging Authorized Elected and Appointed Officials to Conduct Official Financial Transactions with United Community Bank on Behalf of the City of Frazee. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Strand, seconded by Kemper to approve Resolution 0812-19C, A Resolution Expressing Acceptance of and Appreciation for the Gifts of Various Businesses, Organizations and Individuals in Support of Frazee Turkey Days Fireworks Celebration of the 28th of July 2019. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Flemmer, seconded by Strand to approve Resolution 0812-19D, Resolution Accepting the Bid for the proposed Water Treatment Facility and Supply Well Project. Kris Carlson, Ulteig Engineer, was present to discuss the bidding process. Carlson noted that the lowest bid was presented and then withdrawn by Swanberg Construction of Valley City, North Dakota. By state statute, a bid is given 24 hours to be withdrawn if an error is discovered and the company discovered an error within the first hour of presentation. The second lowest bidder was Rice Lake Construction Group of Deerwood, Minnesota with a bid of \$2,594,300.00. This bid is to be accepted contingent with the receipt of PFA funding that is in the works. Carlson noted that this construction group is doing work in Detroit Lakes and Winger and doing a very good job for those communities.

MOTION by Kemper, seconded by Strand is the approval of the application by Bethlehem Lutheran Church to conduct Bingo on their premises at 210 Maple Ave East on November 3rd, 2019. All present in favor, motion carried.

MOTION by Flemmer, seconded by Strand to approve the nomination of Brad Solberg to serve on the Frazee Planning and Zoning Committee. All present in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

Kris Carlson was present to inform the council on the process of completion of the Cherry Avenue project. Carlson noted that they are working there today and should be completed with repairs by the end of the week. Carlson also noted that as soon as we discover the PFA funding the company would be able to begin the street work needed by the new well house with work on the plant to be done in the Spring.

Staff Reports

Jolene Tappe, Event Center Manager, reported that July had been slow but crazy. Turkey days is financial slow but busy. She is considering cutting down on advertising to save money for the facility. She did advertise more for Turkey days because it is a community event. This facility does actually sell itself. Flemmer asked if she is using facebook and the advise was to do a 'boost' to that advertising so she would try that. It would enhance her posts. Tappe noted that she has replaced the filter in the ice machine herself and it went well. August is looking good with September even having a couple of Friday weddings. Some discussion on the roof and the need for insulation. Only one estimate was received. Not sure what to do with that.

No report for the liquor store.

Tyler Trieglaff, Police Department, reported 138 calls for the month of July with 22 traffic and 932 year to date. Trieglaff handed out a map showing where the department would like to see cameras placed. Noted is the cost and he felt that WiFly would be the way to go using Protection Systems out of Detroit Lakes. Trieglaff also informed the council of a vehicle that they would like to purchase a squad car that is currently available from the City of Adams. Adams has disbanded it's local police department and has taken on county coverage. The vehicle, a 2013 Dodge Charger has 50,000 miles on it and is radio equipped as well as set up for onboard computer. The City of Adams would probably take \$10,000 for the car. The Public Safety committee has recommended the Department to purchase the vehicle. MOTION by Flemmer, seconded by Kemper to allow the Frazee Police Department to purchase the 2013 Dodge Charger. All Present in favor, motion carried. Trieglaff also noted that it is going well with the hire of Ryan Seeger. He is currently at the month National Guard Training and they have been able to cover adequately. Also discussed by Flemmer is the upcoming Community Club corn feed and the fact that no road closures or blocks would be needed.

Tyler Trieglaff, Frazee Rescue Squad, reported 33 calls in July with 15 in town. 180 for the year of date. Trieglaff noted that in 212 days they had the 180 calls. There will be training Tuesday evening. He is also noting that the squad is hoping to build onto their existing building on the North side. It will be fully funded by the squad.

Joe Nelson, Fire Department, reported 7 calls in the month of July, with 3 in the city, 2 in Burlington, 1 in Height of Land, and 1 in Silverleaf. Nelson noted that they have received a \$500.00 grant from Mnenergy for Hydrogen meter which will be ordered next week. Nelson also reported the attempt to sell engine 3 is not going well, he may try Craiglist.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 4,530,000 gallons of water was pumped in July with 14 gallons of Fluoride added. 2.59 million gallons were pumped out to the Waste Water Treatment Plant for Treatment. Stephenson reported that there has been 29,171,000 gallons discharged to date. The department is doing repairs for equipment needed for the winter. The tractor and mower unit is a great addition to the Waste Water area. It is cutting their time out there by more than half. Other items of note: a sink hole has appeared on River Drive that will need to be repaired, lights needed to be added to Walnut Ave, the city does not own the property by Rivercrest Apartments so any repairs will need to be done by the Wares.

MOTION by Sharp, seconded by Strand, to accept all staff reports as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

Council Member reports

EDA – Flemmer noted that they had a conversation regarding housing.

PUBLIC SAFETY – All that the safety committee discussed had already been talked over.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Sharp noted that he had not attended the housing meeting in Detroit Lakes. He noted that the meetings discussed the raising cost of housing and high

assessments. Rents have gone up but wages are not. Sharp also talked of the issues of the 2 mile extraterritorial issues. Should they enforce a 2 mile radius or just the areas that we want to extend the city. Tom Winters stated that if Detroit Lakes would encroach into our 2 mile area they would have to adhere to the City of Frazee ordinance regarding it's 2 mile boundary.

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE – Miosek noted that the health insurance is up and they have decided to stay with the current plan. It is a bit lower than another available option but employees would lose some of the Rx portion so they are leaving it alone.

LARL- no report received.

PARKS & REC- Sharp noted that the Frisbee golf course may need to move some of the planned tees because of the discovery of the Indian burial mounds. It will be done in a respectful manner and we will just have to make sure we follow the proper guidelines.

MOTION was made by Strand and seconded by Kemper to accept the Council Member Reports as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report

Anderson was unable to attend the meeting so no report was presented. Miosek noted that the city has received a \$30,000 grant that will pay for the housing study with the remainder going to help fill in the area that is the skating rink. He would like to see a change to the whole block area.

MOTION to adjourn by Sharp, seconded by Strand. All present in favor, motion carried.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

ATTEST;

Marian Estenson, Deputy Clerk