

CITY OF FRAZEE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 9th, 2017

6:00pm

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Frazee City Council was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mayor Hank Ludtke. Council members present were Mark Flemmer, Bonnie Julius, Ken Miosek, and Mike Sharp. City staff present: Denise Anderson, Administrator; Marian Estenson, Deputy Clerk; Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent; Tyler Trieglaff, Police Chief and Rescue Squad President, Albert Doll, Fire Chief; and Jolene Tappe, Event Center Manager.

Ludtke led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approve the minutes from the September 2017 Regular Council.
- Approve the claims for payment.

All present in favor, motion carried.

Old/New Business

Present at the meeting was Jim Nelson, resident, whose main concern was blight within the City of Frazee. Nelson noted his concerns with the City of Frazee not following it's policies regarding existing blight and it's abatement. He read his concerns regarding his neighborhood and the rentals there that seems to have issues that the city has not addressed regardless of his formal complaint. He stated that he had brought those concerns to the council, the EDA, Planning and Zoning as well as various committees. Ludtke noted that he will not approve of a vigilante group of citizens and asked for input from Tom Winters, of Ramstad, Skoyles and Winter's, the Attorney present at the meeting. Winters noted that although the city has a blight ordinance, we really do not have any teeth to that document. The city is able to abate if the issue is a health or safety issue, but we still must follow a specific protocol. 1) fact finding, specifying the issues as health or safety 2) notification followed by a public hearing and fines to pay for the abatement. It was also noted that often a simple letter brings about cleaning of that nuisance. Ludtke noted that the city would like to form a 'blight' committee, comprising of Mike Sharp, Tyler Trieglaff, Larry Stephenson and Ken Miosek. Also with the possibility of including the Fire Department.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Julius to form a Blight Committee. It was noted that often a letter with a threat to appear before a committee or council brings about compliance. Nelson also noted possibility of property maintenance law, with fines involved. Winters also noted that the city needs a posted list of fines, and how to enforce those fines, and also that the existing blight ordinance maybe unconstitutional. There was also a decision that this committee could add a citizen. All in favor, motion carried.

Staff Reports

TamiJo Hopwood, Liquor Store Manager was absent. Anderson noted that she is having a huge event at the Third Crossing this evening so was unable to attend.

Jolene Tappe, Event Center Manager, reported a crazy month. There will be a Fall Fest with Jazz and Country music on the 14th of October. A new wedding backdrop was put up that really is a beautiful addition. Tappe also noted that Stephenson helped get rid of old bulbs and has cleaned up some of the storage areas.

Tyler Trieglaff, Police Department, reported 170 calls for the month of September. Trieglaff noted that the squad car was recalled because of CO leaking into the cabin. It will be repaired. He also reported an upcoming training that he and Ryan would be attending in St Cloud and he will be attending a Chief's retreat to meet with the head of the POST Board.

Tyler Trieglaff, Frazee Rescue Squad, reported 26 calls in September with 17 in town. They are looking at a different type of training. They currently train annually and biannually and would like to do training monthly with Perham EMS. Trieglaff also reported that they are doing a drug take-back on October 28th from 10-2 at the police Department. This will be for any unused prescription drugs to keep them out of the water supply.

Albert Doll, Fire Department, reported 8 calls in the month of September. 1 in the city, 2 Burlington Township, 1 in Height of Land Township, 2 mutual aid. 74 man hours. Billett has retired in September. Three new applicants are being tested.

MOTION by Miosek, seconded by Julius to approve 3 new firefighters, Ryan Tollefson, Neal Hanley and Jordan Nelson.

Doll reported that during the month they will be looking at hose testing, an upcoming training regarding propane tank emergencies and they are working on service to the trucks. Doll noted that the expectations for a new fire truck have been put on hold so they can purchase needed equipment. Fire prevention week is this coming, with the school coming down on Tuesday.

Larry Stephenson, Public Works Superintendent, reported 4,118,000 gallons of water was pumped in September. 14 ¾ gallons of Fluoride were added. 2.52 million gallons were pumped out to the Waste Water Treatment Plant for Treatment. The city had 3.09" of precipitation in the month of September. Other items reported are the removal of irrigations, salt/sand is being brought in for the winter, sidewalk was completed in front of the Mahube Center, Compost site will be open for a few more days and he is hopeful that the asphalt will be coming in this coming week.

MOTION was made by Flemmer and seconded by Sharp to accept the department head Reports as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

Council Member reports

EDA – Ludtke reported a combined meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee. They discussed the beginning of a Community Vision committee. Work groups will be formed who will look to the future of the City of Frazee

PLANNING AND ZONING – They met with the EDA. Same along with the Request for quotes for the comp plan update. Also covered was the issues of nuisance and blight.

PERSONNEL AND FINANCE – Ken worked on the budget and is trying to whittle down the numbers.

PARKS & REC- Sharp reported the work that has been done at the Lions Park and Eagle Lake Parks. They are looking at camping pads at Eagle Lake. Sharp also noted that they will need to touch base with the county as this park is outside of our city limits. Also in discussion was the area by Town Lake that the geese have been congregating. They will be meeting to discuss the option of making that area more natural instead of mowed.

LARL- Julius noted that the item count was 271. Coming up on the 24th is an event regarding WWI in Minnesota with a presentation by Bill Jameson. Julius also noted that Patti Nunn is looking for community leaders to read to the children during story time.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Ludtke noted that they discussed fire prevention, drug take-back and met with Jim Nelson on his blight concerns.

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

Clerk/Treasurer Report

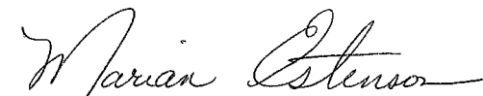
Anderson, reported the awards for the PFA Grant that came to Frazee. We were fortunate to receive these funds as many other communities did not.

Anderson also reported that TamiJo Hopwood, manager of the Third Crossing Bar and Grill, Frazee liquor store had put in her resignation. Her last day is the 20th of October. Anderson noted a few options for the facility, advertise for the position, close or sell. Council noted the need to take a look at what they will need to do for the facility. Much discussion but no decision was made.

MOTION was made by Miosek and seconded by Sharp to accept the Clerk/Treasurer Report as presented. All present in favor, motion carried.

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

ATTEST;



Marian Estenson, Deputy Clerk