

City of Cromwell, Carlton County, MN
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2015 - 7:00pm

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cromwell was held on September 16, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Cromwell Park Pavilion.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Lisa Lund.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor: Lisa Lund
Council Members: Tom Borglund, Ray Lally, Warren Peters

Absent: Phil Lippo (excused)

Employees: LuAnn Freiermuth (City Clerk-Treasurer), Raenese Jokimaki (Liquor Store Manager)

Other: Rodney Lund

1. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

Add Clark Zoning Permit to 8 B

Motion by Borglund to approve the Agenda with noted addition. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC INQUIRIES/INFORMATIONAL

3. OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of prior meeting minutes.
- B. Pavilion calendar
- C. General Ledger for August (listing receipts and disbursements)
- D. Claims list for approval
- E. Liquor Store monthly sales total report
- F. Pull tab totals \$515.60 & \$70.40
- G. Treasurer's Monthly Report

On the August Minutes, under Trustee's Notes- Warren Peters, change Middle Road to South Lake Street.

Motion by Lally to approve the consent agenda with noted change. Seconded by Borglund. Motion carried unanimously.

5. WATER/SEWER/MAINTENANCE

A. Maintenance Report

- a. The roof on City Hall is still leaking.
- b. The sewer mound on Lippo Lane is working great after Super Zyme was added.

- c. The levy for Road & Bridge in 2015 was set at \$7,700. In previous years it has been \$10,000. Gravel is needed on Swenson Road, Lally Road and Lippo Lane. Also, if we have lots of snow to remove this winter that would increase our expenses. Tom suggests raising the levy back to \$10,000 for Road and Bridge.
- d. The ponds will be drained in early October. Tom already has the sample bottles to do pre-pond discharge samples.
- e. Harvest Fest went well. Tom had some help.
- f. The City is looking good overall. Getting ready for winter.

Motion to approve Water/Sewer/Maintenance Manager's Report by Borglund. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

It was suggested by the council to keep looking for a grant available to purchase a mixer for the water tower.

Beaver Roofing should be contacted about the leaks still occurring on the City Hall roof.

Tom should get gravel bids for road repairs needed on Swenson Road, Lally Road, and Lippo Lane.

B. Project Status Report from JPJ Engineering

John Mattonen assisted city personnel with zoning applications, contacted MnDOT regarding signage on Hwy 210 near Markusen Road, and reviewed MPCA letter regarding the wastewater treatment permit application. MPCA received the application and will continue to review it.

6. LIQUOR STORE

A. Manager's Report

- a. Harvest Fest was busy but not as busy as anticipated. Overall attendance for the Harvest Fest was down approximately 20%.
- b. Viking Kick-Off on Sunday.
- c. Gearing up for hunting season.
- d. Looking for new ways to create business.
- e. Several weddings coming up at the Pavilion.
- f. The A/C is working.
- g. Raenese explained that she has been calling and sending e-mails to the Floodwood Forum without success of getting a response. Floodwood Forum editor, Marvin Pirila, attended the August council meeting and reported in his paper that "a private camera had been discovered in the bar. The footage was being sent to a private IP address". Raenese wanted to clear up the fact that she did not say that. This was verified by the audio recording of the meeting. Raenese is asking for the Floodwood Forum to retract that statement and offer an apology for misrepresenting the facts. The Proctor Journal will be notified.

Motion by Lally to accept the Liquor Store Manager's Report. Seconded by Borglund.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. PARKS AND RECREATION/PAVILION

8. GENERAL CITY/HOUSING/HIGHWAY

- A. The proposed 2016 levy was discussed. No increase in fire relief or the 2007 G.O. Sewer Revenue Bond. Other funds were raised to an overall 10% increase. The proposed levy will be

submitted to the Carlton County Auditor. The new playground insurance premiums will be paid with pull tab money.

Motion by Borglund to approve the proposed 10% levy increase to a total levy of \$114,601. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Zoning permits were reviewed:

Fosness at 1260 South Point Road. Approved by the County and our city engineer.

Motion by Borglund to approve the zoning permit for Tim and Shannon Fosness. Seconded by Peters. Motion carried unanimously.

Baxter at 1237 Mings Road. Approved by the County and our city engineer.

Motion by Borglund to approve the zoning permit for Robert and Linda Baxter. Seconded by Peters. Motion carried unanimously.

Clark at 5544 Hwy 210. Approved by the County and our city engineer.

Motion by Borglund to approve the zoning permit for Sam and Jenny Clark. Seconded by Peters. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Reviewed the wording on the Cromwell Council Meeting Agenda Card. It will be changed from "Agenda Card" to "Public Inquiry Card". This is an opportunity for citizens to bring to the Council's attention any items not currently on the agenda. The council will not take action at this time but will refer them for action and/or recommendation for future Council action. Each individual is limited to three minutes.

All items to be placed on the agenda must be submitted to the clerk one week prior to the city council meeting.

Motion by Peters to approve changing the wording from Agenda Card to Public Inquiry Card. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

9. FIRE DEPARTMENT/AMBULANCE

10. Clerk/Treasurer

a. At last month's meeting the decision to sell two unused gates was tabled. It was decided to sell them through Lots4Sale from Carlton.

Motion by Peters to list 2 gates on Lots4Sale. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Bruce Ahlgren stopped by the office and gave the clerk some information on grant opportunities from Enbridge. Copies were given to the Council.

11. TRUSTEE'S NOTES

Ray Lally –

Warren Peters –

Tom Borglund -

12. Mayor's Notes

Mayor Lund informed the council that the two fish houses on South Lake Street have been removed.

Employee Review - LuAnn Freiermuth

Motion made by Borglund, seconded by Peters, to approve Freiermuth's evaluation.

Motion by Peters to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Seconded by Lally. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Lisa Lund

ATTEST: _____ LuAnn Freiermuth, City Clerk-Treasurer