

**City of Stewartville
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Stewartville City Hall
July 12, 2011**

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL –Mayor King called the meeting to order on July 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, RHanson, Miller-Beach, Stensrud and JHanson. Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Public Works Director Stevens and City Clerk Roeder.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Miller-Beach, second by JHanson to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimously approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Miller-Beach, second by RHanson to approve the workshop minutes of June 22, 2011. Unanimously approved.

Motion by RHanson, second by Stensrud to approve the meeting minutes of June 28, 2011. Unanimously approved.

V. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion by RHanson, second by Stensrud to approve the accounts payable as submitted. Voting in favor: RHanson, Stensrud, Miller-Beach & King. Voting against: JHanson. Motion carried.

VI. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance Amendment – Electrical Inspections – Due to the State of Mn shut-down, our construction projects are being delayed by a lack of state-provided electrical inspectors to conduct inspections. Under state law, we are able to amend our ordinance to include the Minnesota Electrical Act and contract for inspections. Roeder stated State Electrical Inspector, Steve Roberts has agreed to contract with the city so that we can continue with inspections and construction projects can move forward. The contract shall be revoked without further action of either party when the Dept of Labor & Industry is funded for the 2011 fiscal year by legislative enactment of the state budget.

Miller-Beach questioned whether we should adopt a similar ordinance regarding the plumbing inspections. Roeder noted that Olmsted County Building Dept. handles those inspections. JHanson questioned the fee schedule. Roeder stated that we would be using the same fee schedule as provided by the MN Dept of Labor and Industry.

Motion by JHanson, second by Miller-Beach to adopt Ordinance 2011-2, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Stewartville Code of Ordinances by Adopting By Reference the Minnesota Electrical Act. Unanimously approved.

Motion by RHanson, second by Stensrud to enter into Agreement for Electrical Inspection Services. Unanimously approved.

VII. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING

VIII. MOTIONS AND GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Variance Request – 121 6th St. NE – The applicants are requesting a 15' variance from the required 15' setback as per Section 1300E.27 Sub. B 1.d Fences. If approved the applicant will construct a 4' picket fence to enclose the back yard for their day care. The Planning Commission is recommending approval of the request and have discussed the possible concerns with snow removal. The applicant understands that if the fence is damaged due to snow removal the City is not liable.

Motion by Stensrud, second by RHanson to approve the variance request as submitted.
Unanimously approved.

IX. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS

A. Mayor – King commented on the following:

- Welcome to Diane Sutcliffe – Fareway's new Asst. Mgr
- Remember to shop at our Farmer's Market – Wednesday's 5-8 pm at Striker's Corner
- Summerfest 2011 – The weather was beautiful and the thousands of people who joined us for the Summerfest events were not disappointed by the welcome that we gave them! We should be proud of the many volunteers who have worked hard these past few months to make this event possible. Thank you from myself and the City Council! It truly was an Old Fashioned 4th of July!
- Sympathy to the families of Clifford Oestreich and Fern Meyer.
- Mayor King thanked the community on behalf of his family for the kind words and support during the past week.

B. Administrator– No report

C. Finance Director – No report

D. Public Works Director – No report

E. Library Director - No report

F. Fire Chief - No report

X. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS

- Care Center- No report
- Chamber of Commerce – No report
- City Beautification/Mn Design Team – No report
- EDA/HRA - Reminder of Joint Mtg – July 19th
- Emergency Operations Task Force – No report
- Finance- No report
- Heartland Express- Monthly ridership
- Library- No report

- Park Board- No report
- Personnel- No report
- Public Safety/Safety Committee – Minutes of June 28th Deputy Satzke reported that there were no incidents during Summerfest. RHanson complimented Satzke and the Sheriff's Dept. for an excellent job. Schimmel reported that we were experimenting with parking in the city hall area.
- Planning & Zoning – Minutes of July 5th
- Public Works- No report
- RAEDI- No report
- ROCOG- No report
- SCCC/STEW19 – No report

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A.** Yaggy Colby Assoc. Monthly Update

XII. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC

ADJOURN – Motion by Stensrud, second by RHanson to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder
City Clerk