

**City of Stewartville**  
**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Stewartville City Hall**  
**May 10, 2011**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) OPEN MIC**

Chris Stafford – 904 Bucknell Blvd addressed the Council regarding perception vs reality.

- Comments taken out of text
- As the City's Insurance Agent he is concerned about uneven ground
- He is not against the dance
- Economy has moral at its lowest – Community needs a reason to celebrate
- Volunteer's do a great job

Don Amos – 416 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NE addressed the Council regarding volunteering/dance.

- Has volunteered in many capacities
- If someone doesn't like what the volunteers are doing then get involved and make changes at the committee level
- Bear Cave Park has lots to offer besides just sports
- Glad to see Florence Park being used

Wendy Timm - 710 23<sup>rd</sup> St. NW addressed Council regarding dance.

- Lived on Lakeshore Dr for many years and dance wasn't bad as previously described at least council meeting
- Majority of neighbors want the dance back except for one family
- Down by the Riverside - park borders residential neighborhood and allows for music and alcohol
- Change our ordinance if desired - St. Paul & Detroit Lakes good examples

Lou Tasler - 306 Lakeshore Dr addressed Council regarding dance

- She feels that the Committee wasn't willing to work with them
- Beer garden relocated by enclosed pavilion
- Bandstand set up to the N/NW direction
- Detective to overlook these items
- Requesting time table as to when Bear Cave would be ready for events

Jerry Burgr – 403 1<sup>st</sup> St. E addressed the Council regarding dance.

- With all due respect to Tasler's – one family shouldn't hold us hostage
- It's a very important part of our community – past and present

Gary Johnson – 1313 30<sup>th</sup> St. SW – Rochester addressed Council regarding Mayor/Councilmember issues.

- Mayor wouldn't place him on the Council agenda
- Mayor wouldn't respond to numerous letters sent
- Councilmember making false report
- Asked for investigation

- III. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** –Mayor King called the meeting to order on May 10, 2011 at 7:00 pm. Present: King, RHanson, Miller-Beach, Stensrud and JHanson. Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Director Neubauer, Public Works Director Stevens and City Clerk Roeder.
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by RHanson, second by Stensrud to approve remove Item A and approve the agenda. Unanimously approved.
- V. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** -Motion by Stensrud, second by Miller-Beach to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 26, 2011. Unanimously approved.
- VI. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-** Motion by RHanson , second by Stensrud to approve the accounts payable as submitted. Unanimously approved.

**VII. ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**A. Noise Variance Request**– Mayor King stated that the public hearing was held on April 12<sup>th</sup> and asked for consideration of a motion. Motion by RHanson second by Stensrud to approve Resolution 2011-10, A Resolution Granting An Outdoor Event Permit and A Variance to the Stewartville Chamber of Commerce.

JHanson questioned the legality of all correspondence that has been sent out. She stated that Florence Park is in a residential zone, downtown is commercial zoning and it was her opinion that there are other viable options to Florence Park for the dance. She asked if the Chamber had business plan for the dance event. RHanson reminded the Mayor that a motion was on the table. King stated that with all due respect to the Tasler' s he can't go back in history and apologized for whatever happened in the past. He noted that the park was public property and that the public wants the dance held at Florence Park. King asked for a vote.

Voting for: RHanson, Stensrud and King. Voting against: JHanson and Miller-Beach. Motion carried.

**B. 2011 CIP – Plans/Specs & Ordering Advertising for Bids** – Bill Angerman, WHKS & Co. appeared before Council to present the plans/specs for 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. SE. Angerman stated that he was recommending adding the addition of tiling and sub-drain on the southern end of the project. He also stated that the Care Center Assisted Living was looking at placing parking out front. Angerman stated that if approved, the bid opening was scheduled for Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, noting that Council could approve the bids at their June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion by RHanson, second by Stensrud to approve Resolution 2011-11, A Resolution Approving Plans and Specifications and Ordering Advertisement for Bids. Unanimously approved.

**VIII. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARING**

**IX. MOTIONS AND GENERAL BUSINESS**

**A. Budget Amendment** – Miller-Beach stated that the Personnel Committee has met and is recommending approval of hiring a third person. She noted that the main responsibility of this person would be to water flowers and help with landscaping/trimming. She informed the Council that the Beautification Committee was hoping to get volunteer's to help water the flowers.

Motion by Stensrud, second by JHanson to approve the budget amendment as presented.  
Unanimously approved.

**B. Part-Time Summer Help** - Council discussed hiring Roy Marshall and Cole Roeder to fill the two mower position and to allow Public Works Stevens to interview and hire a third person. JHanson stated that she wanted to wait on the 3<sup>rd</sup> person until the background check was completed.

Motion by JHanson to hire Roy Marshall and Cole Roeder and bring back a 3<sup>rd</sup> name for Council consideration. Mayor King called for a 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion three times.

Motion by RHanson, second by Stensrud to hire Roy Marshall and Cole Roeder and to allow Public Works Director Stevens hire a third subject to a background check being completed. Voting in favor: Stensrud, RHanson, Miller-Beach and King. Voting against: JHanson. Motion carried.

**C. 2011 Lifeguards** – Pool Manager Cheryl Terhaar has submitted the lifeguard and concession workers names for approval. It was noted that background checks have been completed.

Motion by RHanson, second by Miller-Beach to approve the listing as provided and to allow Cheryl Terhaar to hire additional guards/workers as needed. Voting in favor: Stensrud, RHanson, Miller-Beach and King. Voting against: JHanson. Motion carried.

**D. MnDOT Grant** – Miller-Beach reminded the Council that MnDOT has 1.5 million in grant dollars and felt it's important to apply. She stated that it would be in the best interest of the City to hire an engineering firm to work on the grant that needed to be submitted by July 1<sup>st</sup> and asked for Council approval to hire Yaggy Colby Assoc. She also stated that a 2<sup>nd</sup> grant, Safe Routes to School needed to be submitted by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed to hiring Yaggy Colby Assoc. but were hesitant without knowing the cost. The Finance Committee agreed to meet once a quote was received.

Motion by Miller-Beach, second by Stensrud to hire Yaggy Colby Assoc., subject to the approval of the Finance Committee. Voting in favor: Miller-Beach, Stensrud and King. Voting against: RHanson & JHanson. Motion carried.

## **X. MAYOR, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS REPORTS**

**A. Mayor** – King commented on the following:

- Sympathy to the families of: Barbara Denny, Casper Egger, Samantha Jennings, Margaret Hodge and Gayle Robinson
- Swimming Lesson sign ups at City Hall on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-7.
- Sign Up for your Community Garden Plot
- Senior Chore Day is May 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Family Services 287-2010 if you need someone to help with chores or if you want to volunteer.
- May is Poppy Month – help out our Veterans by buying a Poppy
- May 14<sup>th</sup> – Benefit for Colleen (Hurley) Skare @ Sportsman's Club

**B. Administrator**– Schimmel reported:

- Open House on Hwy 63 – May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00. Seeking public input.
- Olmsted County Sheriff's Dept. has received word of a School Resource Grant. The grant is a 3 year grant with the 4<sup>th</sup> year and subsequent being covered by the Sheriff's Dept, School District and City.

- Street signs are getting damaged and Council/Beautification Committee should consider the type of “look” they want when replacing these signs.
- J. Olson was interested in using a city parking lot for their hot dog stand.
- High Forest Township was seeking clarification on the road maintenance agreements. Their question was whether or not the city would share the cost of major projects. Council stated that it wasn’t discussed at the last meeting and that the language in the prior agreement should stay in the new agreement. JHanson suggested that these joint meetings be taped.
- Reminded Council to turn in their EDA priorities to him asap.
- Good News – Rep. Nelson and Senator Benson are co-sponsoring a funding bill for the proposed EOC repair/remodel project.

C. Finance Director – No report

D. Public Works Director –Reported:

- Bids were received on the 4<sup>th</sup> St. SW Sidewalk project with Burch Concrete being the low bidder. Reported that quotes on Well #3 Maintenance have been received and asked for a Streets/Properties meeting.

E. Library Director - No report

F. Fire Chief - No report

## **XI. COMMITTEE, COMMISSIONS AND BOARD REPORTS**

- Care Center- No report
- Chamber of Commerce – May Newsletter
- City Beautification/Mn Design Team – No report
- EDA/HRA - No report
- Emergency Operations Task Force – No report
- Finance- No report
- Heartland Express- Monthly Update
- Library- No report
- Park Board- No report
- Personnel- No report
- Public Safety/Safety Committee – Sheriff Mueller appeared before Council to comment on Summerfest and the School Resource Officer Grant
- Planning & Zoning – No report
- Public Works- No report
- RAEDI- Minutes of Feb 22nd and March 8th
- ROCOG- Minutes of March 24th
- SCCC/STEW19 –Minutes of April 27th

## **XII. COMMUNICATIONS**

**XIII. ADJOURN** – Motion by Miller-Beach, second by Stensrud to adjourn. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Roeder, City Clerk