

Walnut Grove, MN

January 9, 2012

The City Council met in a regular session on the 9th day of January, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

Present: Greg Hansen, Todd Harrington, Leonard McLaughlin, Xiong Yang and Jeff Harnack

Also Present: John Doubler, Carol Swanson, Ford Ankrum, Mike Zeug and Bryan Kuebelbeck

Mayor Hansen presided at the meeting

The City will be purchasing a new refrigerator for the Community Center. The compressor went out on the old one.

The Water/Wastewater report was presented by Bryan Kuebelbeck. Ford Ankrum was present to discuss the water at his residence. Bryan will check to make sure that the gate valve in the street in front of Ankrums residence is open.

The City has received the Asbestos Abatement Clearance Report from Advanced Health, Safety & Security. The city received a quote for the demo of the two main street buildings. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the \$10000 quote from L&S Construction Corp for the demo and removal. All voted in favor, Motion carried.

The Police Report was given by Chief Zeug. He has received the Joint Powers Agreement from the BCA for access to the Minnesota Criminal Justice Data Communications Network. He will be able to access the program from a computer in the Police Car or his office computer.

The Council discussed Walnut Grove Facility Plan. Mayor Hansen has spoken to Andy Kehren from Bolten & Menk and Herb Krueger from PeopleService and is waiting for reports from both about what portions of the plan need to be done now and what items can wait a few years. The City Clerk will schedule a workshop within a few weeks to discuss these reports and discuss the option of making an early payment to Rural Development for the 2004 Street & Utility Project.

John Doubler was present to ask the council for a Special Liquor License for February 5th, 2012 at the American Legion. Motion by Jeff Harnack, second by Todd Harrington to approve the Special License. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The City council thankfully accepts a donation from Southwest Sanitation for the Walnut Grove Fire Department. Motion by Xiong Yang, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the donation. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Council reviewed the engagement letter from Hoffman & Brobst for the 2011 Audit. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to approve Hoffman & Brobst for the 2011 Audit. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The 2012 Appointment were reviewed by the Council and the following appointments were made and the Annual Broker Certification form has been signed and will be sent back to Northland Securities.

2012 Appointments:

Community Center and Cemetery	-	Xiong Yang /Greg Hansen
Liquor Store	-	Greg Hansen / Xiong Yang
Police Department	-	Leonard McLaughlin / Jeff Harnack
Streets and Parks	-	Todd Harrington/ Leonard McLaughlin
Water and Sewer	-	Jeff Harnack / Todd Harrington
Economic Development	-	Xiong Yang/Todd Harrington
Walnut Grove Activity Club	-	Jeff Harnack / Xiong Yang
Safety Committee	-	Leonard McLaughlin / Greg Hansen

Acting Mayor	-	Todd Harrington
Official Depository	-	Integrity Bank Plus/MN Municipal Money Market
Official Newspaper	-	Westbrook/Walnut Grove Sentinel/Tribune

City Attorney - Brian White
City Engineer - Bolten & Menk

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the 2012 Appointments. All voted in favor, motion carried.

The Annual Fire and Ambulance Budget meetings with the Townships will be February 21, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Fire Hall.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Xiong Yang to approve the 2012 tobacco licenses for Hoyt's & the Walnut Grove Bar & Grill. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Jeff Harnack to approve the Minutes for the Dec. 12, 2011 regular meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin second by Todd Harrington to approve Claims #33943 through 34025. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Jeff Harnack to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer