

Walnut Grove, MN

October 10, 2011

The City Council met in a regular session on the 10th day of October, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Council Room.

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

Also Present: Tom Hansen, Mike Zeug, Bryan Kuebelbeck & Herb Krueger

Mayor Hansen presided at the meeting

The Water/Wastewater report was presented by Herb Krueger & Bryan Kuebelbeck with PeopleService. Hydrants will be flushed next week. The MPCA is now requiring the City to do additional testings monthly and semiannually for a two year period and the \$3000 approximate annual cost of these testings are not covered by the PeopleService contract. The MPCA issued the city a warning because some of these tests were not submitted when required. This has been resolved and the testings are now being done as required. Maquire Iron inspected the water tower. It will need to be painted on the inside in the next few years.

The MPCA has now approved the preliminary Facility Plan. Andy Kehren met with Greg Hansen and the City Clerk to discuss the grant options and funding options for the plan. He will set up a meeting for Beckie Sabie from PFA to meet with the clerk and the mayor to discuss this in more detail.

The Maintenance Report was given by Tom Hansen. The Basketball court has been resealed and the tennis court received a 2 inch overlay. Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts will be using the Walnut Grove Community Center for their meetings. They plan to spend some time cleaning the park in exchange for the use of the Community Center.

Discussion was held on the removal of the asbestos and the building demo for the two Main Street buildings. The city received an estimate for the second quote for the asbestos removal which was considerably higher than the \$30,000 from the first quote so the council approved the first quote. Mayor Hansen will meet with the company from Slayton and arrange for the asbestos removal to begin.

The Bar & Grill report was reviewed by the council. Sales and profits are slightly higher than 2010. Deb will once again be offering tap beer when she is able to have the system fixed. Discussion was continued on offering an Health Savings Account to city employees. The council did not approve this option.

The Police Report was given by Chief Zeug. The council has asked that Chief Zeug and Officer Wahl spend some time visiting with the kids and adults in the park and encourage them to clean up after themselves.

The City council thankfully accepts a donation by Bernard Fultz for the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to approve the donation. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve the land use permit for 180 Dewey Street. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Leonard McLaughlin, second by Todd Harrington to approve the Minutes for the Sept. 12, 2011 regular meeting. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Leonard McLaughlin to approve Claims #33607 through 33694. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Todd Harrington, second by Leonard McLaughlin to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Paula McGarvey
Clerk-Treasurer