

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Doug Schmitz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Doug Schmitz and Council Members Fran Ramler, Jan Dingmann, Dave Stadther and Bob Thelen. Others present: Paul Hetland, Chad Vogt, Brian Lintgen, Chip Robinson, Mike Austreng, Craig Kritzeck, Dave Unze, Jim Maile, Chris Boucher, Jim Hemmesch, Pat Evens, Martin Bode, Scott Kron, Paul Hoeschen, Kristen Stadther, Eric Boucher, Julia Konop and Angie Mueller.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY DINGMANN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE APRIL 8, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes – March 11, 2014

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

B. Minutes – March 26, 2014

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 26, 2014 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

C. Approval of Off-Premises Permit for The Great Blue Heron

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO APPROVE AN OFF-PREMISES PERMIT TO SELL INTOXICATING LIQUOR FOR THE GREAT BLUE HERON FOR MAY 2, 2014 AT THE ST. BONIFACE BONI BALL, TO BE HELD IN THE ST. BONIFACE PARISH CENTER. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

D. Authorize Advertisement for Sale of 1998 Dodge Van

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE SALE OF A FORFEITED 1998 DODGE VAN BY SEALED BIDS. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

LIBRARY TEEN ZONE

Friends of the Library member Julie Konop informed the Council that a donation in the amount of \$800 was received from a patron to create a Teen Zone in the library. She stated that seating and decorations were purchased which can be moved to a new facility when the time comes. She stated that the Friends would like to be reimbursed for the cost which wasn't covered by the donation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THELEN, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF \$858.54 TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE LIBRARY TEEN ZONE, FURTHERMORE, TO BE PAID FROM LINE ITEM 63-65-67-6311. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CITY OF RICHMOND POLICE SERVICES CONTRACT UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Hetland explained that he and Interim Chief Chris Boucher had met with Richmond City Administrator Marty Bode regarding the letter the Council had received about wanting to discuss the contract. Hetland explained that during the meeting the three of them had unanimously agreed to recommend ending the contract for services. A specific timeline had not been agreed upon yet as there will be financial considerations for Cold Spring in the operation of a police department and concerns for Richmond regarding law enforcement coverage. Hetland stated that since it is a mutual agreement to end the contract they have agreed that no liquidated damages would be charged to either party. He added that the current contract's term will end on January 1, 2018 and that he would recommend preparing for the termination to be effective at that time. Several Richmond City Council members were in the audience and stated that they had never discussed terminating the contract with Cold Spring and that they felt it was premature to make a decision on the contract at this time when emotions and tension are high. After much discussion the Council agreed that this is a hot topic and that things should calm down before a formal decision is made on the contract.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Well Update

Hoeschen stated that there aren't any significant updates on the well process.

B. Freezing Water & Sewer Lines

Hoeschen stated that it is not safe to stop running water because there was a water line that just froze up in the past week. He stated there is a sewer line at the maintenance shop that freezes and then thaws naturally every year. He said once that

pipe is thawed he will give the all clear that it is safe to stop running water. A newsletter would be sent out to residents to notify them when this occurs.

C. Advertise for Hiring

Hoeschen stated that long time seasonal parks worker Jason Spohn will not be returning to work this summer for the City and thanked him for his years of service. He stated that they will need to hire an additional worker to fill this position. MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY THELEN, TO APPROVE THE ADVERTISING FOR THE HIRING OF ONE PART-TIME SEASONAL PARKS EMPLOYEE. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

D. Re-hire Summer Parks Employees

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY THELEN, TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF BLAKE FIELD AT A PAY RATE OF \$8.15 PER HOUR, MASON RUEGEMER AT A PAY RATE OF \$7.57 PER HOUR, AND JOSH SCHRODEN AT A PAY RATE OF \$7.57 AS PART-TIME SEASONAL PARKS EMPLOYEES. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CITY ENGINEER REPORT

Lintgen explained that the bids for the CSAH 50 Reconstruction project were opened on April 4th. He stated that the bids were favorable and most were under the engineer’s estimate, which will be a nice savings for both the City and the property owners. The low bidder was Knife River Corporation with a base bid of \$873,505.31.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY STADTHER, TO AWARD THE CSAH 50 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO THE APPARENT LOW BIDDER, KNIFE RIVER COPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$873,505.31. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

LIST OF BILLS AND ADDITIONS

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ACCORDING TO THE LIST TOTALING \$88,078.51 AND SUPPLEMENTAL LIST TOTALING \$3,196.08 PRESENTED BY CITY STAFF. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

WATER SUPPLY TREATMENT WORKSHOP

Chip Robinson from Stantec presented the Council with a water supply treatment workshop. He stated he was present with Hetland, Hoeschen, and other local officials at the Capitol earlier this week to present a request for a bonding bill in the amount of eight million dollars. The funding request would pay for the majority of the expenses of the infrastructure, wells, and treatment plant for new wells that will need to be drilled due to the Department of Natural Resources restricting the Cold Spring Brewing Company’s permit for water usage. He stated that the request was moved forward to the capital investment committee for consideration. Robinson stated that there are other funding programs that the City would be eligible for which include \$500,000 from the Department of Employment and Economic Development, which would require a 50% match from the City, or a low interest loan, from the Public Facility Authority. The loan would require an application to first get onto the Project Priority List and then if accepted an Intended Use Plan would need to be submitted. Hetland stated that the Public Facility Authority is the entity that would administer the funds if the bonding bill is approved, therefore the application forms would need to be completed either way.

MOTION WAS MADE BY THELEN, SECONDED BY RAMLER, TO AUTHORIZE STANTEC TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC FACILITY AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAMLER, SECONDED BY DINGMANN, TO ADJOURN AT 8:25 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Doug Schmitz, Mayor

Paul Hetland, City Administrator