

**CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 22, 2013**

Members Present: Mayor Tyrel Clark, Tony Nelson, Bryan Cornell and Ray Schuchard

Members Absent: Kurt Holst, absent at roll call but arrived later

Staff Present: Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer; Community Officer Tracey Pagel, Olmsted County Sheriff's Office and Jeremy Newton, Fire Department Chief

Call to Order: Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Clark requested to change 6.B Eyota Volunteer Ambulance report to be the Community Officer report. Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to approve the agenda with noted change. Ayes (4), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Approve Minutes:

Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2013 regular Council meeting. Nelson, Cornell and Clark voted in favor. Schuchard abstained, he was absent May 9. Ayes (3), Nays (0), Abstained (1). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Cornell to approve the consent agenda items 4.A through 4.C as presented. Ayes (4), Nays (0). Motion carried.

4.A. Approve Hiring 2013 Summer Recreation Program Employees

4.B. Authorize Bryan Cornell to attend a Minnesota Transportation Commissioner Meeting, May 23, \$35 registration fee

4.C. Authorize entering into agreement with La Crosse Sign Co. Service, \$500

REPORTS:

Fire Department: Chief Newton reported the new radios, dedicated dispatcher, and responding system are all working very well and is proving to be a benefit. Members who attended the convention in Indiana were very impressed and learned a lot; including training ideas and contacts to research new truck options and prices. Members are considering additional training to become state certified trainers to provide services at the new region training center being built in Rochester. A five year budget plan will be discussed at the next Eyota Township Board meeting, June 17, Council is invited to attend.

** Kurt Holst arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Community Officer: Officer Pagel reported: last month's activities, letters were mailed to encourage homeowners and businesses post the property address on their buildings, and an abandoned car in West Side Park will be towed if not removed from the park yet today.

Planning Commission: Clark explained taprooms to the Commission and relayed the Council's request to update the liquor ordinance to allow taprooms. The Comprehensive Plan was reviewed and found the proposed purchase of land for storm water management is in compliance with the plan. The Commission finalized the draft changes to the animal ordinance to increase the number of dogs and cats allowed to three and to allow chickens in town. A public hearing is scheduled June 19, 7:00 p.m. at city hall.

DESCASD Sewer District: Schuchard reported assets of \$1,029,675.29, no current plant violations and a website will be created. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency monitored plant nitrate levels in the stream ten miles from the plant, and found levels to be high. Those reading levels could be affected by other sources within that ten mile distance. With new more restrictive limits being imposed, additional filter systems may be required.

Clerk's Report: The Council chose the Economic Development Authority to facilitate the meeting scheduled for June 5 to take public input regarding projects to use the Rochester sales tax revenues to be received.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Contract: More information was requested before making any decision to enter into any maintenance agreement. Research will be done and information will be presented at the next meeting.

Cable Television Broadcasting Equipment: Clark discussed the first bid received to upgrade broadcasting equipment in city hall. The bid was higher than expected, options were discussed. Council agreed the audio equipment is first priority, second is visual improvements and third is play back equipment to be used for showing prerecorded events.

Ordinance Establishing a Planning Commission: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell Ordinance Number 132, AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE EYOTA PLANNING COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PERMITTING ITS MEMBERS TO BE COMPENSATED; AMENDING SECTION 2 OF PREVIOUSLY PASSED AND ADOPTED EYOTA CITY ORDINANCE NO. 41. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 7.C.1"

Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to approve publication of the summary of Ordinance Number. 132; publication date June 1, 2013. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 7.C.2"

Accounts Payable: Schuchard noted the payment to Bauer Built Inc. should be Bauer Electrotech. Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to approve the accounts payable with the noted correction, total amount of \$34,922.81. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 7.D"

Approve Minutes:

Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Schuchard to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2013 Board of Appeal and Equalization. Holst, Schuchard and Clark voted in favor. Nelson and Cornell abstained, they were absent April 22. Ayes (3), Nays (0), Abstained (2). Motion carried.

Other Business: The Community Garden is full, all plots have been rented for the season; and there is a waiting list started of additional interested parties.

Closed Meeting: Clark announced a closed meeting to discuss the price and process of purchasing land per State Statute 13D.05, the land is parcel RP62.14.22.028643, City Lands 106-12-14 Block 1.

Regular meeting was reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

Land Purchase: During the closed meeting Clark and Holst reported to the Council on the meeting they had with the land owner, Dorothy Jones, regarding the potential land purchase, land uses and a possible price to purchase said parcel.

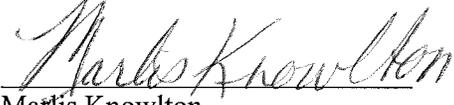
This first discussion with the property owner revealed the suggested sale price and suggested purchase price are substantially different. The Council discussed the value of the land in relationship to current and future possible uses. This resulted in the need to know exactly what are the potential uses and possible restrictions of land with flood zone designations.

Motion was made by Holst and seconded by Cornell to authorize Knowlton to contact Kristi Clark, planner with Mc Ghie & Betts, Inc., to request consulting time with Knowlton to understand, in detail, the City's zoning ordinance and building regulations regarding flood zone and wetland areas. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Nelson to adjourn. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Tyrel Clark
Mayor



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer