

**CITY OF EYOTA  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JULY 10, 2014**

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

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer; Community Officer, Deputy Pagel and Fire Department members Tom Aleshire and Jerry Pike

**Call to Order:** Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Agenda:** Motion was made by Schuchard and seconded by Cornell to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to approve the consent agenda items 4.A and 4.B as presented. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

4.A. Minutes of the June 26, 2014 regular Council meeting approved

4.B. Election judges approved for hire: Wanda Mitchell (head judge), Nancy Hammel, Nancy Eichman, Dean Bierbaum, Chris Berg, Lynn Hebig, David Lewis, Maureen Lewis, Dana Allen-Tully, Linda Retterath, Becky Stahl, Cassandra Fogarty, Connie Moeller and Margaret Fogarty

**REPORTS:**

**Fire Department:** Relief Association Treasurer Tom Aleshire explained the pension plan investments, regulations and annual benefit calculations. Current annual benefit is \$1,300 and the maximum current benefit allowed was calculated at \$1,700. The benefit being requested is \$1,450; as voted unanimously by the Fire Department Relief Association members.

Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to approve increasing the annual Relief Association benefit pension amount from \$1,300 to \$1,450. Clark, Schuchard, Cornell and Holst voted in favor. Nelson abstained as a member of the Department. Ayes (4), Nays (0), Abstained (1). Motion carried.

Assistant Chief Jerry Pike reported the Department had a successful house burn last month that was conducted as a certified training burn. The Department continues research on a new truck and proper bidding procedures. Council requested the Department make a recommendation to them to determine the maximum number of members in order to create a policy. Membership needs to be limited due to equipment and space limitations.

**Park Board:** Nelson reported the Board discussed the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) 2014-2015 Mini-Grant relating to Community Physical Activity. Possible ideas for the \$10,000 grant funds: paint for pedestrian cross walks, way finding signs, mile marker signs along pedestrian paths and bike racks. Preliminary budget preparation was also discussed.

**Clerk:**

Southeastern Minnesota League of Municipalities Membership Meeting: SMLM will hold a General Membership Meeting Tuesday, July 29, in Winona.

Regional Housing Needs: The Rochester City Council and the Olmsted County Board will be holding a joint meeting to discuss the findings of the Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment for Olmsted County and ideas about regional housing needs. Elected officials are invited. Clark may attend.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

Fifth Street SW Debris: Property owners along Fifth Street SW, on the south side between Jefferson and Madison Avenue, have debris deposited at the end of their driveways on a regular basis during rain storms. Nelson reported he is working with Brad Boice for options to dispose of the debris. The Council requested Knowlton contact the City Engineers for an estimated cost of a feasibility study for curb, gutter and possible storm water tile or sewer installation.

Driveway Alteration Proposal: The driveway at 115 Sixth Street SW is low (elevation) and puddles form near the property line. The installation of the Safe Routes to School sidewalk will not alleviate this problem, and will possibly make it a bit worse. It is being proposed to reconstruct approximately ten feet of the driveway to try to adjust the pitch and hopefully improve the drainage. It is being suggested to propose to the homeowner to share the cost of this driveway improvement. Estimated total cost is \$900; \$450 to be paid by each party, the City and homeowner. Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to approve, as presented, the driveway improvements and split the cost if the homeowner is in agreement. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

City Hall West Service Door: Holst and Cornell were tasked to look into the problem. Knowlton will get prices on outdoor drop box costs. Discuss again at the next meeting.

Utility Rates: Council requested Knowlton schedule a work meeting with City Financial Advisor, Mike Bubany to discuss utility rate increases. If possible July 24, before or after the regular meeting. Possibly invite the city engineers for infrastructure cost estimates.

Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$135,542.76. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. See "Exhibit 6.E"

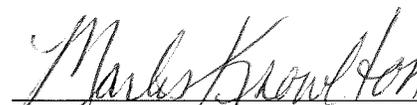
**Other Business:**

Traffic Signs: Nelson reported Minnesota Department of Transportation now does not allow street signs mounted on the same pole as the stop signs in the MnDOT road right-of-way. Brad Boice is ordering additional poles to mount the street signs separately. Council also discussed putting up permanent no parking signs on the south side of Fifth Street SW, between Madison and Jefferson Avenue. Permission would need to be obtained from Olmsted County, this is a county road. No action taken.

Eyota Days Citizen of the Year: The Council reviewed the Eyota Days Citizen of the Year and unanimously agreed. The Citizen of the Year will be announced on Friday night at the Eyota Days celebration.

Adjourn: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to adjourn. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

  
Tyrel Clark  
Mayor

  
Marlís Knowlton  
Clerk/Treasurer