

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
November 20, 2017

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, November 20, 2017 with members Dorothy Behne, Kurt Olson, Matt Larson, Jeff Ross, and Brad Ringnell present. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

In open public comment, Dick Zehms asked about the affect the new federal tax laws would have residents as well as property value on his agricultural land.

Motion by Olson to approve the agenda, second by Ross, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills and pay request #14 for the water treatment facility project was declared approved.

At this time, the public hearing for the liquor store was opened with the statement of position being read. The reason for the meeting is that liquor has shown a loss in two of the last three years. The majority of the loss can be attributed to the implementation of GASB 68 which is the Liquor Store has no control over. Those in attendance heard that the Liquor Store has been able to pay their bills with no transfer from the General Fund or the Liquor Store investments. Questions of those in attendance include ideas of potential expansion and that the city has lost of the economic development opportunities that would help the liquor store. Those in attendance also stated what huge asset the Liquor Store is for the City of Sherburn. It is the goal of the council to keep the liquor store open. The public hearing was closed at 5:20 p.m.

Councilor Ringnell presented a request from the Sherburn Ambulance Squad to offer \$100/day for on-call pay during the holidays. The reason behind the request is that is hard to find members to take call. Currently, the members are getting \$18.00 to be on-call from the 10:00 p.m. to 6: 00 a.m. If the on-call pay is approved it would cost the department \$3,000 a year. City Admin/Police Chief Hughes informed the Council of the issues brought forth by the City Attorney and they include using the holidays that are already recognized by the City and the impacts of the on-call pay having on other city positions. The issue was tabled until December 4 meeting.

Greg Mitchell with Bolton & Menk provided an overview of the Local Road Improvement Program Funding which is a MnDOT project to help local communities with road projects. The City is submitting an application to make improvements to Temperance Lake Road from Highway 4 to Fox Lake Ave. Resolution 2017-16 will support the pursuit of the funding under the program. Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2017-16 supporting pursuit of 2017 Local Road Improvement Program Funding from MnDOT for the Temperance Lake Road Reconstruction Project, second by Larson. Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea; Ross, yea; Olson, yea; Behne, yea. Resolution 2017-16 approved.

Administrator Report

- October Financials for Temperance Lake Ridge were presented for Council review

In other business, Councilor Olson stated a three year dog license would not be a good idea in case the dog passes away during the three year period. Councilor Ross asked for an update on the Police Department Shop with a Cop program.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk