

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
April 3, 2017

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Dorothy Behne on Monday, April 3, 2017 with members Dorothy Behne, Matt Larson, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

In open public comment, Caroline North asked about painting of the crosswalks and curbs in town, if it would be possible to have those sidewalks that are in need of repair repaired, and if the Children at Play signs could be replaced if they are starting to fade.

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

Motion by Olson to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ringnell, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills and a fence permit 509 S Lake St was declared approved.

Staci Thompson with Habitat for Humanity provided an update on the work being done by Habitat for Humanity. Thompson also informed the Council about two types of home repair programs that are offered through Habitat for Humanity. The first program is a Brush with Kindness which will help with the maintenance of the exterior of the home. Some examples of the work would be painting, landscaping, and exterior clean-up. Habitat would provide the materials along with direction to the homeowners and volunteers. The homeowner would then be charged a small fee per month for the service. The second program that is available through Habitat for Humanity is Critical Home Repair, which will focus on home repair including roofs and handicap accessibility issues. This program also has a cost and will have a lien put on the home until the cost is paid off. These programs are available to owner occupied homes and available at any time.

Motion by Ringnell to approve a \$100.00 pull tab request for the Greenwings organization, second by Olson, carried.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes explained the potential program for the lease and purchase of a tractor and snow blower. The original information was from a dealer in the Worthington area but is not able to service the City since the cut off line is Jackson County. An updated quote has been received from a dealer in Jackson with a lease starting in November. Public Works staff will continue to explore this option and more information will be available at the April 17 meeting.

Discussion was held on the possibility of having a part-time employee to assist with the mowing especially at the parks during the growing season. Hughes will contact the school to see if they have a recommendation.

Administrator Report

- Kimmet Tree Service provided a quote of \$3,800 for the removal of trees along the railroad tracks on County Road 26 and by the ditch out by Temperance Lake Ridge. Public Works Staff will then responsible for the maintenance of these areas.
- Community Hall Chair Lift has been installed and is waiting on an inspection completed by the State.
- Tour of City Buildings will held at the May 1st Council Meeting

- Liquor Store Interviews will be held on April 6th beginning at 2:45 p.m.

Motion by Ross to approve the merger of the two parcels that makeup the tree dump, second by Olson, carried.

Hughes presented a quote of \$24,386.54 for the second phase of the playground equipment for South Park. There is currently \$22,800 set aside for this project as well as a possible donation from Valero. Motion by Olson to approve the purchase of playground equipment in the amount of \$24,386.54 for the South Park, second by Ross, carried.

In other business, Councilor Ross asked if the man hole repair that was done on Hwy will be paved. It should be paved when the other areas in need of patching are completed.

Motion to adjourn by Larson, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk