



Home of Como Falls

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 7, 2014 / 6:00 pm**

- **CALL TO ORDER: By Mayor Scholze at 6:00pm**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Completed**
- **ROLL CALL: Vetch, Lonkoski, Fordahl, Scholze, Martell @6:04pm**
- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA: None noted**

**1. Consent Agenda:** Motion by Vetch, second by Fordahl, rollcall all in favor

*All items listed under the consent agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.*

- 1.1 Minutes: December 3, 2013
- 1.2 Bills Payable Through: January 3, 2014
- 1.3 Consolidated Balance Sheet: January 3, 2014
- 1.4 Journal Entry Transfers: \$18,000 General to Swimming Pool Fund  
\$ 58,998.75 Sewer Operating to Wastewater Debt Serv.  
Above as requested by City Clerk Moen.

**2. Water/Waste Water/City Engineer :**

Chris Oliver – no freeze ups have been reported to City Utilities..  
Checking into several options to help with rust issues. He reports approx. 16 water meters left to install

**3. Library :**

Librarian Bissen e-mailed following as reported by Fordahl:

- No Financial report
- \$1267.82 cash balance
- Jan 14 Librarian is going to Rushford to attend on-line meeting
- Jan 29 – meeting
- Working on collage of Hokah’s aerial view of the Falls and Hokah Forever as fundraiser
- Snowshoe rentals have started – 50/50 split for snowshoe rental between Rec and Library
- Planning overnight with kids to teach how to download books from Selco
- Looking for Atari 400 and 800 game cartridges
- 15.1% rural circulation for Houston County which translates into \$20,321.00 from County in 2014.
- No mention on Library board reps. Mayor Scholze will check into.

**4. Police Dept.:**

VPN discussed and associated costs.  
All reports now are submitted to state via website.

**5. Streets / Maintenance :**

Nothing to report.

**6. Recreation Board:**

Nothing to report.

## **7. Planning Commission / Zoning :**

Public hearing next Tue night at 6 regarding the variance request for 609 Ash Street.

## **8. Items for Consideration:**

### **8.1 BCA Agreement for VPN – discussed earlier**

## **9. Council Member's Comments:** None noted.

Resident - Rita Christianson– asking council to consider process going to pass ordinance to stop people from converting their single family homes to rental properties. Rental properties need to be addressed

Peter Weissenberger from Ace Communications addressed the Council:

He stated he is aware the City is looking for ways to save money.

He believes the Mediacom comparison not ethical, nor fairly depicted.

He states Ace Communications is very competitive and doing much more for community than Mediacom  
No changes have been made.

## **10. Mayor's Comments:**

**A.** Official Bank Depositories - Merchants

**B.** Official Newspaper – Houston County News

**C.** Appointments. Elect Mayor Pro-Term.

Nothing has changed at this point. Mayor Scholze will be discussing with interested parties.

Administrator Blank discusses letters that were distributed to Council Members discussing 2014 Auditing dates from Nelson, as well as a letter discussing sales tax exemption from MN Dept of Revenue.

## **11. Staff Correspondence:**

Audit starting April 28 to report by May 15 – cost \$9000 to \$9500

## **12. Correspondence Received:** None noted.

## **13. Announcements Next Council Meeting:** February 4, 2014 @ 6:00pm

Republican Caucus first Tues in Feb. 4, no meetings can be held after 6pm that date.

## **14. Items for next Agenda:**

MNDOT may request to be on the Agenda to present plans to Council for the Hokah Wall Project.

## **15. Adjournment:** Motion by Martell at 6:45pm.