



MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2014 / 6:00 pm

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **ROLL CALL** – Martell, Vetch, Lonkoski, Scholze
- **ACTION TO CHANGE AGENDA**

1. Consent Agenda:

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.

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| 1.1 | Minutes: | March 4, 2014 |
| 1.2 | Bills Payable Through: | March 28, 2014 |
| 1.3 | Consolidated Balance Sheet: | March 28, 2014 |
| 1.4 | Temp. Alcohol & Gambling: <i>Hokah Fire Department – October 17, 2014,</i> | |
| 1.5 | LMCIT Waiver of Statutory Tort Limits to \$1,500,000.00 | |

Motion made to Consent by Lonkoski, second by Vetch, all in favor – Martell Abstain, Vetch Abstain, Lonkoski and Scholze approve

- 2. Water/Waste Water/City Engineer :** Reservoir Cleaning, H₂O Poly Phosphate – Chris unable to attend – holding off on polyphosphate issue and try a more aggressive main flushing this Spring, and Reservoir Cleaning, we are waiting for a second bid.
- 3. Library :** Technology and e-book night was successful. 67 kids attended and really enjoyed it.
- 4. Police Dept.:** Nothing
- 5. Streets / Maintenance :** Bob Cat – conversation in past month – yearly price should be about \$1700 a year in this program. Any questions? Discussion on the Bob Cat
- 6. Recreation Board:** Still searching for life guards, ad is in paper. Anyone 15 and older can take life guard classes at the Y.
- 7. Planning Commission / Zoning :** Nothing
- 8. Items for Consideration:**

8.1 Bluff Country Learning Center – Amy Courdrey – Would like to let everyone know, as always the Sr. level is going to do a neighbors day on April 25, that is a Friday, we are hoping it is Spring by then. From 9 – 11m we will be in the community raking and bagging up trash and things. We always go to Como Park, the City Park, the boat landing, we do the school and we go down by the swimming pool, which is a big job, we don't get it all done down there. If you have any other suggestions or anyone knows of another place that could use a little picking up. Just on that one day. About 11:15 we are back at the school and we have lunch, we do pizza, pop and water, and the staff bring desert, you are all welcome to come to that, it is a good time to chat with the kids and connect with them and get to know who they are if you already don't

know who they are. After that around 1ish we have a volley ball game, we invite Houston County Employees, many of our students have connections at Houston County and so a lot of times those folks come down and get together. You are all welcome, come for all, any or just to come down and visit. Any other place? That is a lot of work already. Down by the sign would be a good spot as well. We will give your name to the maintenance staff if you need help. The City could pick up the bags for this group.

8.2 City Clerk Moen Finance Pay off request – discussion held – motion made to approve payoff request by Martell, seconded by Vetch, all in favor

9. Council Member's Comments: Martell went to the Capitol yesterday, Brenda Johnson from Chatfield, Aaron Reece from the City of Rochester, Ron Johnson from Cannon Falls, for the SE MN League of Municipalities, met with numerous reps and state senators. Nice meeting with Rep Davids and Senator Miller a lot to discuss, DMC in Rochester, all in favor of that. Library system discussion – Hokah was affected by Emerald Ash Borer, cold weather may have helped by killing the Larvae, La Crescent is cutting down all their Ash trees. Very costly project, we will need some type of assistance, minimum of purchasing new trees. They will look into finding some funding to help offset the cost. Not in favor of injecting the trees. Better to eliminate the trees and plant alternate trees. Also talk of more funding for Hwy 14 across the state which is pretty bad. Good meeting. Feel free to contact Davids and Miller if you have any questions.

Vetch - Discussion on lights, replacing ballasts, changing some fixtures to LED's at the Fire Department. Cost is around \$1850.

11. Staff Correspondence: Computer – Rod Blank – down to purchasing just one computer. Microsoft is dropping support for Windows XP on Friday. Letter from the State saying we cannot send them documents from a Windows XP computer after Friday. Discussion on working with some existing computers purchased with a grant. Cost under \$1000.

12. Correspondence Received: Letter from Tim Penny thanking us for our donation to the Southern MN Initiative Foundation.

13. Announcements Next Council Meeting: May 6, 2014 @ 6:00pm

14. Items for next Agenda: Reservoir Cleaning

15. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn @ 6:23pm