

City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting
January 14, 2014

Erskine City Council met in regular session Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Noyes, Council Members: Wade Farrell, Ira Hill, Ron Olafson and Marc Plante.

Motion by Plante seconded by Hill approved the agenda with additions. Carried.

Motion by Farrell seconded by Plante approved city minutes from December 9. Carried.

Public concerns included complaints on rusty water and the recent fee approved charging business owners for sidewalk snow removal. Maintenance stated that hydrants will be flushed when weather permits and will communicate with Jason Fortman regarding snow removal.

Dan and Laurie Mager were present to discuss purchasing the old school site. Plans are to rehabilitate the structures both interior and exterior. Initially the site would be used for storage with plans to convert the buildings into a manufacturing business. Discussion was held on boundary lines and the selling price consisting of the building for \$1.00 and land at \$2,500.00. The City agreed to vacate the ROW that was platted in Third Addition of Erskine which encroaches on the school grounds.

Motion by Plante seconded by Olafson approved selling the school site real property to Dan and Laurie Mager at a cost of \$2,501.00 with Mager's paying the surveying costs. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Olafson approved the attached resolution calling for a public hearing on the issuance of health care and housing revenue bonds to finance health care and housing projects for Pioneer Memorial Care Center. Carried with five ayes.

Motion by Plante seconded by Hill approved renting a Gold Series water softener from Culligan at \$24.00 per month with a purchase price of \$880.00 following the one year rental option. Carried.

Motion by Olafson seconded by Hill approved city bills in the amount of \$221,627.77 Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Farrell approved capital project WTP bills in the amount to \$3,510.05. KHC Construction final pay request was not approved due to unfinished work. Carried.

Mayor Noyes appointed the following 2014 Commissioners: Acting Mayor – Marc Plante, Water and Sewer – Marc Plante and Ira Hill, Streets and Sidewalks – Wade Farrell, Parks – Marc Plante and Ron Olafson, Fire – Ira Hill, Community Center – Paul Noyes, Official Newspaper – Erskine Echo, Official Depository – American State Bank, Maintenance Coordinator – John Nelson, City Weed Inspector – Paul Noyes, Mileage Rate .56 cents per mile. Commissioners were approved on a motion by Plante seconded by Olafson. Carried.

Motion by Hill seconded by Farrell approved the attached resolution accepting a donation of \$8,000.00 from the American Legion for the Erskine Memorial Park. Carried.

Motion by Hill seconded by Farrell approved the attached resolution accepting a donation of \$1,001.00 from the American Legion for the Erskine Commercial Club. Carried.

Motion by Hill seconded by Farrell approved the attached resolution committing the fund balance for street, police, community center and tractor savings as of December 31, 2013. Carried.

Motion by Olafson seconded by Hill approved the attached resolution adopting the 2014 fee schedule. Carried with Plante opposed.

Motion by Farrell seconded by Plante approved purchasing a fridge for the Community Center at \$2,881.40; old fridge will be given to Sandhill Heating in lieu of fridge repairs. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Hill appointed Erskine Agency as the City's insurance agent for the year 2014 and approval was given for liability coverage waiver form. Carried.

Motion by Farrell seconded by Olafson approved the 2014 Pay Equity Report required by the State of Minnesota. Carried.

Motion by Plante seconded by Olafson approved purchasing a rotary broom from John Deere at a cost of \$5,200.00. Carried.

Fire Chief Erik Jax gave an update on the election of Fire Officers: Chief-Erik Jax, Assistant Chief-Ira Hill, Captain/Training-John Nelson, Captain/Safety-Jeff Walker, Treasurer-Steve Jacobson, and Secretary-Shar Hill.

With no further business a motion was made by Plante seconded by Olafson to adjourn. Carried.

Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer