

City Council Proceedings  
Regular Meeting  
July 21, 2014

Erskine City Council met in regular session Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Paul Noyes, Council Members: Wade Farrell, Ira Hill, Marc Plante and Jim Herdliska.

Motion by Farrell seconded by Herdliska approved the agenda. Carried

Motion by Plante seconded by Herdliska approved city minutes from June 9 and June 10. Carried

Mayor Noyes opened the public hearing. Discussion was held on a variance application filed by David Hixon. He will be building a 24 X 20 single story home and garage at 208 Vance Ave N. Hixon will make changes to the plan to meet all setbacks. Motion to close the meeting by Herdliska, seconded by Plante.

Motion by Hill seconded by Plante to approve the variance permit with the condition that all setbacks are met. Carried.

Council discussed paving portions of 1<sup>st</sup> ST

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Plante approved monthly bills in the amount of \$84,933.56. Carried.

Motion by Farrell seconded by Herdliska approved WTP/Capital Project bills in the amount of \$464.00. Carried with Plante opposed.

Motion by Farrell seconded by Plante approved the attached resolution adopting the updated 2014 fee schedule. Carried

Motion by Herdliska seconded by Hill approved the authorized signers on the American State Bank of Erskine account to be Paul Noyes (Mayor), Angie Shimpa (Clerk/Treasurer) and Mark Plante (Acting Mayor.) Carried.

Discussion was held on a water line repair at 306 Ross Ave. The City will be responsible for the parts and the homeowner will be responsible for all other charges. Motion by Hill seconded by Farrell, carried.

Motion by Farrell seconded by Plante approved the attached resolution accepting a donation of \$4000.00 from the American Legion for the Erskine Memorial Park. Carried.

Discussion was held on a plan to get 127 Bradley Blvd back up and rented. Council directed the City Clerk to research ways to advertise this property. Council has discussed this venue with a few businesses.

Council reviewed a request to pay for repairs due to a water break at the Community Housing this past winter, city maintenance felt that we have gone over and above to get the repairs due last winter. Motion to disapprove the request by Herdliska seconded by Plante. Carried.

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Fire Chief Erik Jax reported that there was 1-vehicle accident, 1- grass fire and 1- medical call in the month of June. He also reported that the fire department has been approved to get \$4,536.00 from the Polk County Emergency Fund to purchase more 800 mega-hertz radios. This will fulfill the radio needs for the department. Motion by Herdliska seconded by Farrell. Carried.

The South civil defense siren was checked and the fire department is waiting for a response from the company that manufactured the siren to see if they are able to get parts to repair it. The civil defense siren on US 59 was also checked, estimates from the company to fix it is \$1100.00. Council directed Jax to get quotes from local contractors for repairs to the siren.

The Fire department will be conducting a practice burn for a property on Vance Ave N where they will burn a house and shed on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Jax will make sure all permits are in place before the burn will take place.

City Maintenance Supervisor John Nelson reported to the Council that there are two sewer issues that need attention. The first being at 127 Bradley Ave at the corner, Nelson felt this should be addressed before winter. Nelson was directed to get quotes for the repairs and report back next month.

The Other sewer issue is at the Fire Hall; Mark's septic was out and found that the line ties into the City Shop then to the main. This should go straight to the main. Council advised Nelson to fix this issue.

Nelson is working on getting quotes for new lighting at the Community Center. This is the last year that Ottertail will be offering a rebate. Nelson will get the quotes for next month meeting.

Council directed Nelson to provide black dirt to Kevin Branstner's lawn due to water break. Nelson will also be fixing the hole by the drainage ditch by the community housing.

Council reported that the landscaping at the old school and by the airport will be finished this week, weather permitting.

New signs are going up at the dumpsite to defer people from dumping things that do not belong at the dumpsite, if this doesn't solve the problem Nelson will have to chain the property.

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

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Mayor

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Clerk/Treasurer

