

## SARTELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special meeting was held on February 9, 2015 at Sartell City Hall. The meeting commenced at 5:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Nicoll, Council members Braig Lindstrom, Peterson, Hennes and Lynch.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator  
Anita Rasmussen, Comm Dev Director/Asst. City Admin

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made by Braig Lindstrom and seconded by Hennes to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **ARCHITECT INTERVIEWS**

GLT Architects and HMA Architects each provided the Council with their approach to designing a Sartell community center. Council consensus was to bring this back to next Council meeting so they all have more time to think about it.

### **CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS**

Council consensus was to schedule interviews with all five construction management firms.

### **REFUSE HAULING**

Attorney Stan Weinberger reviewed the legislative requirements for considering a single hauler system. Don Williamson from West Central Sanitation, Mike Donnelly from Waste Management, and Adrian Miller and Bruce Thomas from Republic were in attendance and were invited to address the Council on the issue from the haulers' perspective. Refuse haulers stressed working with them to address any concerns about the current system rather than eliminating choices for residents.

- Council member Hennes mentioned the idea of further limiting the number of haulers but grandfathering in current license holders like the Council had previously done.
- Council member Braig Lindstrom appreciated the ideas presented by the haulers, but also said her perspective may be unique because in her neighborhood the trucks use the alley and so she feels they have higher impacts on that infrastructure and cause more public safety concerns than they might in other areas of the community.
- Council member Peterson would like to see staff work with the haulers to bring back ideas for Council consideration. His biggest concern is protecting our roadways, particularly cul de sacs that might be more easily damaged by truck traffic.
- Council member Lynch felt public safety and roadway impacts should not be targeted to refuse hauling rather than all of the other factors and all of the other roadway users,

from heavy trucks to young drivers who text while driving. He could live with a lower number of haulers by attrition but isn't sure it is necessary.

- Mayor Nicoll could also live with the reduction as long as current license holders were grandfathered in. She understands the road concerns but there is no proof that fewer haulers will actually impact that. She has never heard of a safety incident involving a Sartell refuse hauler, but if trucks are speeding or operating unsafely we should address it through our Police Department and the refuse haulers. Nicoll suggests staff work with the haulers on suggestions for Council consideration.
- Council member Hennes suggested one thing to look at could be moving collection to front rather than back yards in areas where alleys are vulnerable or create a public safety concern. Another option would be to limit collection to one side or the other of the alleys.
- Council member Braig Lindstrom suggested possibly limiting the number of collection days in the Celebration neighborhood would make sense based on their particular demographics and alley configuration. She also suggested we use our pavement management system to identify more vulnerable road conditions which haulers could treat differently.

A motion was made by Nicoll and seconded by Hennes for the City Administrator work with the hauler to develop policies for Council consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion made by Council member Peterson and seconded by Council member Hennes, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.

Minutes By:

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Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator

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Sarah Jane Nicoll, Mayor