COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2014

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Sartell City Council was held on April 28, 2014 in the Council Chambers of Sartell City Hall. Mayor Perske called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:	Mayor Perske, Council members: Braig-Lindstrom, Hennes, Nicoll, Peterson
ABSENT:	None
ALSO PRESENT:	Mary Degiovanni, City Administrator
	Brad Borders, Public Works Director
	Mike Nielson, Engineer
	Judy Molitor, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HENNES AND SECONDED BY MEMBER PETERSON APPROVING THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Executive Director for St. Cloud YMCA, Greg Gack, presented a power point presentation on the vision, construction, fundraising and suggested amenities for a new community/aquatics center to be located in the area of St. Cloud's Whitney Center. Mr. Gack answered Council's questions on the future plans for the new center and the existing YMCA.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Garrett Weston, 500 22nd Avenue North, Sartell, expressed concern of one ingress/egress from the Avalon Village Development and noted that approving Avalon 8 will only increase the amount of traffic on 22nd Avenue, adding to congestion and safety issues. Mr. Weston talked about concerns of standing water and the wetland delineation lines and high water table in the area and how more construction would affect existing homes. Weston also talked about the need for a walking path extension through the development and "no outlet signs" and "children at play signs" and another road out of the development due to the number of homes.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

a. April 2, 2014 Board of Review (Stearns and Benton)
b. April 7, 2014 Special Joint Meeting
c. April 14, 2014 Special Meeting
d. April 14, 2014 Board of Review (Stearns Continuation)
e. April 14, 2014 – Regular Meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER BRAIG LINDSTROM AND SECONDED BY MEMBER NICOLL APPROVING MINUTES LISTED UNDER C, D AND E. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

REGARDING B, MEMBER BRAIG LINDSTROM WANTED TO COMMENT THAT SHE BELIEVES THAT OUR RECENTLY ADOPTED ZONING STANDARDS MAY ACT AS AN APPROPRIATE BUFFER BETWEEN MULTI-FAMLY AND SINGLE FAMILY. MEMBER BRAIG LINDSTROM ACCEPTS MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

MEMBER BRAIG LINDSTROM MOVED TO ADOPT MINUTES 'A' AND 'B'. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MEMBER NICOLL. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of voucher payments
b. Approval of Park Commission recommendations on Lions Park Irrigation & Val Smith shelter
c. Approval of Utility Work Quotes
d. Approval of LBG Proposals
e. Approval of Special Event – Sartell Chamber Rock and Block, August 9, 2014 3 pm – 12 am
f. Acceptance of Donation
g. Approval of Joint Powers Agreement with APO for parking lot sealcoat

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSON AND SECONDED BY MEMBER NICOLL APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A - G. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Ordinance Amending Title 4 of the Code of Ordinances Relating to Snow, Ice and Refuse Containers

City Administrator Degiovanni presented the ordinance and information relating to snow, ice and refuse containers, noting language modifications on refuse container storage requirements. Samples of ordinance language from other cities were included in the packet for comparison. Degiovanni asked the Council for direction on how to proceed.

Council members commented with the following direction:

Council member Peterson prefers to use our present nuisance ordinance as a tool for enforcement, and not to restrict proper refuse container storage. He agrees with a limit of two containers outside.

Council member Nicoll talked about the option of limiting the number of refuse containers to two per residence. She also stated she appreciates the St. Louis Park suggested storage wording rather than ordinance restrictions. Nicoll thinks that this should not be an issue for Police Department to enforce.

Mayor Perske said he prefers the suggested language included in the packet from the City of Champlin, which would allow residents to store containers on the side, back, but not in the front of the home.

Council member Hennes believes most of the homeowners are responsible and considerate of their neighbors. He prefers the wording from St. Louis Park be incorporated into our ordinance, which suggests storing containers where they are least visible to their neighbors. Hennes does not want the

Police Department spending their time enforcing an ordinance on where containers can or can't be stored. Hennes would like to have more advertising on the web site, city sign, etc., suggesting residents store their containers out of sight. He would support a limit of 2 containers per household.

Council member Braig-Lindstrom agrees with limiting the number of refuse/recycling containers visible to two and prefers the language from St. Louis Park be incorporated into our Ordinance.

b. **Ordinance Amending City Subdivision Code**

Engineer Nielson addressed areas of concern for the ordinance amending the City Subdivision Code and requested input from the Council.

Nielson reviewed the suggested changes for mass grading and high water separation. A power point presentation was given showing how mass grading could improve future development. Nielson said the mass grading plan would benefit the City and future homeowners.

Nielson also addressed the suggested changes for ground water fluctuation and the method of determination, recommending a soil scientist, engineer or wetland delineator would be the best professional to make the determination.

Initially Nielson recommended a 2 foot ground water separation table for suitable developments. However, based on input from the CMBA, Nielson recommends the current 1 foot water separation with suitable soil information, as indicated in the ordinance. For underground parking, commercial or multi-family developments, artificially lowering the water table may be recommended by the Engineer.

Nicoll discussed maximum and minimum slopes for driveways. Nielson recommended 7% maximum slope on most situations. Unique situations may allow for an increase in the percentage. Staff will review ordinance language which allows for those unique situations and that the 7% maximum slope is a recommended slope. Perske asked if there is a need for this provision in the ordinance. There was further discussion on duplex or redundant sump pump systems.

Council discussed the option of the requirement for new developments to have one tree planted in the front yard at the homeowner's expense. Peterson felt that the tree requirement is not needed. Consensus of the Council was to keep this requirement in the language of the Ordinance which would be enforced at the same time the lawn is established in new homes.

Changes will be made as recommended by the Council and the City Engineer will bring the final copy of the Ordinance back to the Council for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Final Plat – Avalon Village 8

Engineer Nielson presented the final plat of Avalon Village 8. Nielson talked about a future road connection of 4th Street North through the development and 6th Street North connecting into the Celebration development in the future. Staff is recommending approval of the final plat based on the conditions listed on the memo.

Council members talked about the location of the trail being close to the wetland and options of how to prevent willows from growing through the trails. Suggestion was made to have money escrowed for a future trail when the trail can be extended from the south to the north (rather than doing a partial trail now) and constructed the best way possible.

Council member Braig-Lindstrom talked about safety issues with the amount of homes in this development and only one ingress/egress. She was of the understanding that 4th Street would be constructed as a permanent road and if the road is not constructed, she is concerned about there being only one ingress/egress. Braig-Lindstrom believes it is the City's responsibility to build a road for ingress/egress for safety of the residents.

Council member Nicoll said she was considering a motion to table this action tonight in order to take more time to review the plans and get input from Community Development Director.

Council member Hennes talked about the future development and trail connection for this development and eventual connection of 4th Street North as well as 6th Street North. Hennes feels it is too costly and a detriment to consistent policy for the City to construct a road at this time. Hennes also favors the escrow for a future trail.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER NICOLL AND SECONDED BY MEMBER HENNES APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF AVALON VILLAGE PLAT 8 INCLUDING AN ESCROW FOR TRAILS.
UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN, THE FOLLOWING VOTED:
AYE: MAYOR PERSKE, COUNCIL MEMBERS: NICOLL, HENNES, PETERSON
NAY: COUNCIL MEMBER BRAIG-LINDSTROM
MOTION CARRIED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER NICOLL AND SECONDED BY MEMBER PETERSON APPROVING THE TRAIL EASEMENT LOCATED BETWEEN LOTS 10 AND 11, AVALON VILLAGE 8.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

Council member Braig-Lindstrom invited colleagues to attend the Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation's event at the St. Cloud Airport on Thursday night.

Council member Hennes reminded Council of the area cities meeting on Tuesday evening.

Council member Nicoll will not be able to attend the area cities meeting; however, she would like to advocate toward keeping as much sales tax money as possible to be used in Sartell.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HENNES AND SECONDED BY MEMBER NICOLL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:35 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes By

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Judy Molitor
Recording Secretary

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Joe Perske, Mayor