

## SARTELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2008**

**SPECIAL WORKSHOP**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special workshop session was held on April 14, 2008 in the conference room of the Sartell City Hall. Mayor O'Driscoll called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor O'Driscoll, Council members Perske, Lynch, Hennes and Peterson

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mary Degiovanni, Finance Director  
Patti Gartland, City Administrator  
Paul Omann, City Insurance Agent  
Kara Gaffy, City Auditor

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made by Perske and seconded by Lynch to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INSURANCE**

Paul Omann was available to answer questions about the City's current coverages and potential changes the Council may want reviewed before the 2008-09 renewal. The statutory limits have been increased to \$400,000 and there was discussion about why the City has traditionally waived those limits and purchased excess liability coverage. Paul also suggested we could look at higher deductibles, but we had a number of claims this year (Paul circulated a summary) and so better options may be to self-insure vehicles below certain dollar values and/or buildings below a specific dollar value. We can also ask the League loss control department to analyze our claims and make suggestions on how to reduce them.

Mayor O'Driscoll asked about the insurance costs of a future fire hall expansion and the potential golf course acquisition. Paul indicated that they would need to see final building design, but that frame buildings are more expensive to insure than the masonry type building we will most likely utilize for fire hall expansion. He also estimated about \$3,000 on the golf course building coverage and indicated the liability would not increase since it's based upon our overall annual budget and expenditures.

The consensus of the Council was to leave our current insurance coverages in place and staff will continue to monitor for ways to reduce claims and expenses.

**REFUSE HAULING**

The Council overviewed the refuse hauler brainstorming ideas for options to reduce wear and tear on streets from numerous refuse/recycling trucks. The consensus of the Council was to have the Public Works Commission examine options that don't reduce to a single hauler system at this time and staff will update the public on the research so far and what we plan to pursue.

**2007 AUDIT**

Kara Gaffy overviewed the 2007 City Audit with the Council and reported no material weaknesses. The Council will be considering adoption of a number of policies at their regular meeting to address audit findings, and more information will be provided by staff regarding the increased special assessment delinquencies.

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Lynch and seconded by Peterson, Mayor O'Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.

**Minutes By:**

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**Mary Degiovanni**  
**Finance Director**

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**MAYOR**