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SARTELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2010

8th MEETING

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the 8th meeting of 2010 was held on April 26, 2010 in the council chambers of the Sartell City Hall. Acting Mayor Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m and invited attendees to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Council members: Hennes, Lynch, Perske, Peterson
ABSENT: Mayor O'Driscoll
ALSO PRESENT: Patti Gartland, City Administrator
Anita Rasmussen, Community Development Director
Jeremy Mathiasen, City Engineer
Brad Borders, Public Works Director
Jim Hughes, Police Chief

AGENDA REVIEW AND ADOPTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY PETERSON AND SECONDED PERSKE APPROVING THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. April 12, 2010 – Regular Council Meeting
- b. April 13, 2010 – Council Workshop
- c. April 14, 2010 – Benton Board of Review Meeting
- d. April 14, 2010 – Stearns Board of Review Meeting

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MEMBER HENNES AND SECONDED BY MEMBER PETERSON APPROVING THE MEETING MINUTES WITH CHANGES NOTED TO APRIL 12TH AND 13TH MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of voucher payments dated April 23, 2010
- b. Approval of resolution declaring cost to be assessed and setting ASSESSMENT HEARING FOR 2010 WEST Heritage Drive public improvements for May 24, 2010
- c. Acceptance of an energy grant from Stearns Cooperative Electric for \$25,147 for the new water treatment plant
- d. Approval of Assessing Contract renewal for 2010 to 2013 at the current per parcel rate with Stephen Behrenbrinker, CAE, SAMA
- e. ~~Approval of resolution authorizing acquisition of right of way for 50th Avenue South Improvements~~
- f. Acceptance of \$150 donation from Stearns Cooperative Electric for \$150 for the Police Reserve program
- g. Acceptance of 2010 first quarter budget report

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- h. Approval of amendment #1 to professional services agreement with Bolton & Menk for the TH 15 storm sewer investigation
- i. Acceptance of a memorial park bench donation at Linear Park by Lindbloom family
- j. Approval of resolution setting public hearings for May 10, 2010, for preliminary plat, drainage and utility easement vacation, front yard & side yard variance requests for Great River Bowl project

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PERSKE AND SECONDED BY MEMBER HENNES APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA "A" THROUGH "J" EXCEPT ITEM "E" WHICH WAS MOVED TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER THE ENGINEER'S REPORT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Review of Val Smith Park Master Plan

Anita provided an overview of the evolution of the existing Val Smith Park master plan and the pros and cons of attempting to add a second ball field on the property. Staff is recommending that the Park Commission be provided the opportunity to review new information attained to determine what recommendation they may wish to offer. In particular, Chief Hughes reviewed why Val Smith Park has been the best location option for the PAL program which has 125-200 kids every Tuesday and Thursday all summer and the loss of the green space for another ball field would leave them with inferior or no options. He noted Community Ed has also expressed interest in the green space area at Val Smith Park for Wednesday programming. Anita recommended substantive changes to the master plan be considered as part of a public information meeting. Council member Steve Hennes also suggested a poll of the users of the park be considered when contemplating changes to the master plan. The Park Commission could consider this at their meeting on April 28th. Council members Peterson and Perske advocated having a Council representative added back on the Park Commission as a liaison.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HENNES AND SECONDED BY PERSKE TO REFER THE DISCUSSION BACK TO THE PARK COMMISSION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER HENNES TO REINSTATE HAVING A COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE AS A LIAISON TO THE PARK COMMISSION.

City Administrator noted that some of the board and committee assignment changes were made as budget reduction measures but also noted that professional staff are responsible for providing a communication link between advisory commissions and the Council which can make a Council liaison role redundant.

**UPON VOTE BEING TAKEN, THE FOLLOWING VOTED:
AYE: COUNCIL MEMBERS HENNES, PERSKE, PETERSON
NAY: COUNCIL MEMBER LYNCH
MOTION CARRIED**

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Police Department

Police Chief, Jim Hughes noted that the tobacco compliance checks were completed over the weekend with two failures of the 13 licensed vendors.

Council member Hennes commended the police and fire department on the mock car crash demonstration that was done last Friday for high school juniors and seniors.

b. Public Works

**c. City Engineer
Semi-Monthly Memorandum**

Consent Agenda item "e"

Approval of resolution authorizing acquisition of right-of-way for 50th Avenue South Improvements

Council member Peterson asked for an update on the Right-of-way acquisition progress for the project. Council member Perske asked about getting a cost estimate for installing lighting into the rural section of 50th Avenue.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER PETERSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PERSKE APPROVING CONSENT AGENDA ITEM "E". THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**d. Planning & Community Development Director
Semi-Monthly Memorandum**

Director, Anita Rasmussen presented her memorandum.

e. City Administrator

Patti Gartland inquired as to the Council's intent for making an appointment for the Park Commission Liaison position created by action of the Council earlier in the meeting. Council member Peterson offered to serve again but is fine with waiting until all members of the Council are available to participate in the discussion.

CITY COUNCIL UPDATE – MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Council member Hennes noted that the MTC voted 4-0 to make route modifications to the benefit of Sartell with about 1700 additional hours added to Sartell's service.

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Acting Mayor Lynch offered congratulations to Sartell Rotary on a successful fundraiser for the riverfront city park that they have sponsored.

ADJOURN

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HENNES AND SECONDED BY MEMBER PETERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:57 P.M. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes By

Judy Molitor

MAYOR TIM O'DRISCOLL