

SARTELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2008

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a special workshop session was held on February 25, 2008 in the conference room of the Sartell City Hall. The meeting commenced at 6:00 PM.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor O'Driscoll; Council members: Perske, Peterson, Hennes and Lynch
COUNCIL ABSENT: None
OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Gartland, City Administrator
Mary Degiovanni, Finance Director
Anita Rasmussen, Planning & Community Development Director

REPORT ON APO DELEGATION'S LOBBYING TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC

Mayor O'Driscoll shared highlights of the APO delegation's recent lobbying trip to Washington DC. In addition to transportation funding related discussion and the status of earmarks, he also noted that opportunity also presented itself to discuss that deficiency of the Sartell postal facility with congressional members and their staff.

CMGC LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY

Mayor O'Driscoll shared highlights of recent CGMC Legislative Action Day which included unveiling of a new LGA Unity Proposal that provides support from virtually all of the city organizations for a new formula and advocacy for a \$90 million increase to the LGA program. He also referenced the veto override on the transportation bill. Patti Gartland offered a brief review of three annexation bills that are being advocated for passage by CGMC along with a bill that was drafted by the legislatively created Municipal Boundary Adjustment Task Force that she serves on. The task force bill continues to include the ability for a city and township to create within an orderly annexation agreement a unique planning process for property in orderly annexation areas which would have potential benefit to the pending situation with Sartell and LeSauk Township.

WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT PERMIT APPEAL TO BWSR

Anita Rasmussen briefed the Council on an appeal of the WCA permit approved by the City Council for the 97 acre Sartell Partners Property. The appeal was submitted to BWSR by Jane Bennett on behalf of Central MN Citizens for Responsible Growth. This matter has been referred to the City's legal counsel for review and to offer direction as to any particular response or course of action by the City that may be appropriate. It was noted that any contact by Ms. Bennett or other representatives of Central MN Citizens for Responsible Growth should be directed to our legal counsel via staff.

POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION NEGOTIATIONS

Patti Gartland, Anita Rasmussen and Mary Degiovanni shared with the Council the results of the completed appraisal for the Sartell Golf Course property. It was noted that appraisal is classified as protected private data under the Data Privacy Act. Therefore, until a purchase agreement is executed, the appraisal information must be maintained as confidential. Council consensus was for staff to continue attempting to negotiate the potential for a city purchase of the property and to pursue getting valuation assessments for the equipment that was not included in the property appraisal. The goal is to have the results of negotiations with the golf course property owner considered as part of the City Council retreat in mid-March. Patti Gartland also noted that the Dehler property appraisal is not yet completed but the \$4 million bonding request continues to be pursued for inclusion in the Senate and House bonding bills.

GOVERNOR'S BONDING REQUEST SITE TOUR

Mayor O'Driscoll and Patti Gartland noted that the private tour for Governor Pawlenty of the Dehler property continues to be scheduled for 4:15 – 4:45 pm on Thursday, February 28, 2008. A private sponsor has been secured for the horse drawn sleigh/wagon to facilitate the site tour. As a private tour, invited attendees include

the Mayor & City Council, Patti Gartland, Anita Rasmussen, Stearns County Park Director Chuck Wocken, the property owners (Ralph Dehler and Luverne Dehler) and the property owner's representative Steve Feneis. Committee commitments preclude Representative Severson and Senator Fischbach from being able to attend.

CENTRAL MN DAY AT THE CAPITOL – FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Council attendance, along with Patti Gartland, Anita Rasmussen and City Engineer Bob Schunicht, was confirmed for participation in the St. Cloud Area Day at the Capitol on at the Kelly Inn in St. Paul on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 from 4:30 – 7 pm. The City of Sartell table/booth will feature information on the City's \$4 million bonding request for the proposed Sauk River/Dehler property acquisition.

ADJOURN

Mayor O'Driscoll adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Minutes By:

Patti Gartland, City Administrator

MAYOR