

M I N U T E S
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 4, 2013
5:30 PM
Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Stiehm. Council Members Judy Enright, Steve King, Jeff Austin, Michael Jordal, Roger Boughton, Jeremy Carolan. Council Member-at-Large Janet Anderson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jim Hurm, Tom Dankert, Jeanne Howatt, Steven Lang, David Hoversten, Brian Krueger and Kim Underwood.

OTHERS PRESENT: Austin Daily Herald. Marian Clennon.

Mayor Stiehm called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Removed from the agenda: Junk removal at 1304 30th Avenue NE, Barguiarena & Hernandez property (as the violation has been resolved), and a resolution approving an agreement with Mower County on the joint LEC renovation project.

Moved by Council Member King, seconded by Council Member Austin, approving the agenda as amended. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Boughton, seconded by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, approving the minutes of January 22, 2013. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Carolan, approving the consent agenda as follows:

Licenses:

Concrete: Roger & Sons, Austin

Excavation: Roger & Sons, Austin

Exempt Gambling (raffle): Austin Youth Hockey @ Riverside Arena, March 29

Food: King Buffet, 1801 14th Street NW, Austin

Garbage Hauler: Thompson Sanitation: Clarks Grove, MN

Massage Establishment: Golden Tress, 104 11th Avenue NW, Austin

Massage Therapist: Brittney Komlan, Austin

Massage Therapist: Emily Rysavy, Austin

Massage Therapist: Tya Ronl, Waltham, MN

Master Plumber: Christianson Plumbing & Heating, Albert Lea, MN

Master Plumber: David C. Patterson, Lyle, MN

Claims:

- a. Pre-list of bills

Carried.

Council is requested to receive and award a bid for bituminous material which is used for the 2013 street patching. Bid was as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Mileage	Total
Ulland Bros. Inc.	\$300,000/5000 tons	.40 x 19.7 = \$ 7.88	= \$67.88

Assistant City Engineer Steven Lang said this is a 5% increase from the previous year's total.

Council Member Carolan asked if there were other bidders solicited. Mr. Lang said they solicit only two companies that are in the area – one in Austin and one in Rochester – as the City must go and pick up the material.

Moved by Council Member-at-Large Anderson, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution awarding the bid to Ulland Bros., Inc.. 7-0. Carried.

The city received bids for the yearly supply of oil for chip sealing as follows:

Contractor	Bid
MEIGS	\$ 139,578.60
Flint Hill Resources	\$ 140,582.40

Amount of the bids are up 14%. The increase is due to the higher cost of oil. This item has been budgeted at \$110,000; Mr. Lang said the Street Department would work to stay within the budget by under-running the quantity.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson asked where the oil is from. Mr. Lang replied that he believed it came from La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, awarding the bid to MEIGS. 7-0. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, approving two-hour restricted parking along the 800 block of 3rd Street NW. Carried.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Enright, granting the Planning and Zoning Department the power to contract for the removal of refuse and junk at 408 2nd Street SE, Hernandez property. Carried.

Council was requested to approve an airport property farm lease with John Scott – Scott Family Farms LLC.

Council Member Carolan questioned the rate offered on the lease. Mr. Lang replied that the acreage – both productive and nonproductive – is not typical in that it is quite broken up into six different sites, such as the grass adjacent to the taxi area and in between the taxi area. Also, the farming operation must work around the airplanes so there is a lot of coordination required. This is not a normal countryside area to farm, he stated.

Mayor Stiehm asked if the price is competitive, to which Mr. Lang replied that the acreage rented outside the airport to the south is more of a typical farming operation, and therefore is near market rate.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member Boughton, adopting a resolution approving an airport property farm lease with Scott Family Farms LLC for 2013-2014. 7-0. Carried.

The City Council was requested to approve an Individual Control Mechanism with LL Parks Livestock, Inc., the truck/trailer wash located in the NE Industrial Park. Mr. Lang state that when the truck wash restarted last summer, a 6-month plan for the limitations on the sanitary sewer discharges was set up. That plan expired in 2012. The agreement was reviewed and slight adjustments have been made.

Moved by Council Member Carolan, seconded by Council Member Austin, adopting a resolution approving the ICM for two years, expiring December 31, 2014. 7-0. Carried.

REPORTS: Council Member Enright encouraged citizens to attend the events listed on the CVB website for Paint the Town Pink week. The Saturday night Bruins game had a full house, she noted, and the Bruins won. Council Member Enright has offered to shave her head if she raises \$12,000 for The Hormel Institute.

Council Member-at-Large Anderson noted that they hope to raise a total of \$100,000 throughout the community for Paint the Town Pink. All the proceeds go to The Hormel Institute for cancer research.

Council Member Boughton attended the January 24th HRA meeting. He said they are assisting with a funding project to re-do a 2005 housing study.

Council Member Carolan attended the “Equipping Entrepreneurs for a Better Bottom Line” seminar, which he said was awesome. The seminar suggested ideas for business growth and development ideas. Council Member Carolan attended the January 25 and 26 LMC conference. He also attended the January 28th Austin/Mower County Homeownership Board meeting. In total, they have made 512 loans totaling (approximately) \$1,621,000. The Board currently has \$296,000 in investments to help with down payment assistance. Also, he thanked Chief Healey for his help at the recent grandstand burn.

City Administrator reminded everyone of the retreat scheduled for February 11 and 20.

Moved by Council Member Austin, seconded by Council Member King, adjourning the meeting to January 22, 2013. Carried.

Adjourned: 5:46 pm

Approved: February 19, 2013

Mayor: _____

City Recorder: _____