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The third regular meeting of the 136<sup>th</sup> Council met at 7:00PM on March 9, 2011, with all members present.

Motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Solomonson to accept Clerk's minutes, with the exception that the dugouts, concession stand, and City shed would not be covered by FEMA, but should be covered by insurance. Motion made by Solomonson, seconded by Wilhelm to accept Treasurer's report. Both carried 5-0.

Resolution 11-7 approves SEMCHRA to submit the Federal Property Acquisition Application for the City of Zumbro Falls. Motion made by Solomonson, seconded by Wilhelm. Carried 5-0. Notes have been sent to representatives Howe and Draskowski regarding the burden of the severely affected Cities in coming up with their share of the buyout and to intervene with DEED.

Preble handed over the Sum of \$8,590, received through Christmas Card Donations to be put into Fire Department checking for use in replacing equipment. VanDeWalker made a motion to accept the card donation money for equipment replenishment. Solomonson seconded the motion. Carried 5-0. The budget was approved at the Township/City meeting in February. Equipment is still arriving from replenishment. The By-laws will be brought back before the Council at the next meeting. One thousand sand bags have been purchased for the upcoming spring flood. The median flood stage predicted by NOAA is 26.6'. The official crest of the flood was 35.82'. We have FEMA money for more sand bags, so need more on hand. Watching the weather and sand bagging around vulnerable buildings takes first precedence. Preble and Christenson will look at elevations to determine where the sandbagging should start.

Van De walker presented Kara's bill for pictures taken during and after the flood. The warning siren has been ordered and may actually be here sooner than thought. The Clerk is filling out the credit application for Goodin Company to set up account for water meters. The Lift station worksheet is finalized with a total of \$108,000. Repairs to the two non-operational pumps and controls will be done, along with Benike fixing the block on the building.

Jack Priggen would like to help with the cost of fixing up the park, after FEMA money has been used.

Kara made a proposal for a 1 year anniversary of the flood celebration. She recommended the band Lost Highway play on Friday or Saturday night at the reduced price of \$2,500-\$3,000. It was recommended that other options be looked at before paying anything out. A Committee will be formed and Ripplin River Days will be asked to be a part of it.

The City Attorney has notified the City that the Fire Department Labor checking account violates a Minnesota Statute stating that no other account outside of the City Fire Department account can be held. This checking will be moved back into the City Fire Department checking. Also, the credit card we currently have is being closed and a new one opened with the Mayor as the Chief signer. Dan and Bruce will still have their own cards, along with Christenson and possibly one Council Person.

A letter was received from People's Service recommending a Chlorine Gas detector. At a cost of \$2,200, an alarm would signal a high level of Chlorine Gas present due to a leak. This could reduce our insurance premium. People's currently checks the area 2 times per week. A People's representative will be at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting with further information.

The Council agreed not to contract with Lake City Ambulance.

Christenson stated that his April traveling for work had been canceled with no further travel expected until June.

A motion was made by VanDeWalker, seconded by Wilhelm that all donations given to the City with no designations will be accepted by the Council. Any earmarked donations will be reviewed at the time of presentation. Carried 5-0.

Christenson will check on the Luhmann trailer set back, since O'Grady believes it isn't back far enough.

Heat tapes need to be put on the roof this Spring to prevent ice dams next year. We will discuss more at the April Council meeting. We did not receive a charge for Christmas lights for the City this past year.

VanDeWalker stated that flags have been ordered as well as a key box to put pump house and well house keys in. The cost to replace art work on the City Hall walls is prohibitive, so we may use some framed flood and fire pictures instead. It was suggested to have a mural painted on the wall.

Signs will be discussed in April. Fences need to be put up on the Water Tower road up from Bucky's as well as around the pump house and well.

A motion was made by Solomonson to pay bills and adjourn. The motion was seconded by VanDeWalker and was carried 5-0.

Submitted by

Joyce Greer, City Clerk