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The special meeting to discuss 2012 Budget and park renovation met at 6:00PM on August 28, 2011, with all members present.

Wabasha Treasurer's office estimates the total revenue lost from the flood at \$5,500. The Budget was looked at and will be worked on at the regular Council meeting.

A discussion regarding paying \$10/hr after 16 hours for Volunteer fire department persons during emergencies was tabled until later.

Estimated cost to complete the park renovation is estimated at \$45,000, of which the electrical is \$6,250, and basketball court completion at \$6,000, \$1,200 for 2 signs, \$10,500 for fence installation. A motion was made by Wilhelm, seconded by Solomonson to continue with park improvements.

Judith Jordan representing Renewing the Countryside spoke on promoting tourism, marketing and business promotion from Zumbrota through Wabasha in river towns. Greer made the motion to support the Resolution 11-15, joining the organization and contributing \$300 to the cause. The deadline for the grant is August 30, 2011, with the Cities having to come up with matching monies. It was seconded by VanDeWalker and carried 4-0.

Jay Kruger stands by the fact that attached garages can be left standing, but need to have all walls solid. Bill Huber from the DNR thought that that makes sense, stating that if only one or two sides needed repair, and the repairs were made, there should be no problem. Sommerfield stated that his insurance would not pay to tear down his garage. In his case, the garage was treated as a separate structure. Sommerfield was asked to get written documentation from his insurance company to that effect. Sommerfield wishes to keep his garage if he can. Bleed's garage may have been more of a gray area. Jay is sure that if the garage is under 50% damaged and is a separate structure, then it can remain. Discussion was tabled until the next regular Council meeting with a motion by VanDeWalker, seconded by Wilhelm and carried 4-0.

Harold Sommerfield was told that there would be no 50/50 buyout for properties that were more than 50% damaged. It is estimated that closure on the buyouts will take 30-45 days after the price is agreed upon.

A small garbage container will need to be put up on the hill park, in addition to the ones in the ball park.

The Meyer's complaint regarding lawn watering bills in the new addition will be addressed at the regular Council meeting.

Travis Liffrog's request for a temporary liquor license on the back street for the First Anniversary Celebration was made a motion by Wilhelm, seconded by Solomonson and carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Wilhelm to pay bills and adjourn. The motion was seconded by Solomonson and was carried 4-0.

Submitted by

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