



ALBERTVILLE CITY COUNCIL

JULY 20, 2009

MINUTES

ALBERTVILLE CITY HALL

7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klecker called the regular Albertville City Council meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Klecker, Council members Tom Fay, Dan Wagner, John Vetsch, and Larry Sorensen, City Attorney Mike Couri, City Engineer Adam Nafstad, City Planner Alan Brixius, City Administrator Larry Kruse, and City Clerk Bridget Miller

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works-Parks Supervisor Tim Guimont

RECOGNITIONS – PRESENTATIONS – INTRODUCTIONS – no comments

CITIZEN FORUM – no comments

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Klecker wanted to know if there were any changes to the agenda. One item was added under City Council, which was the discussion on I-94 Rollover.

MOTION BY Council member Wagner, seconded by Council member Sorensen to approve the Monday, July 20, 2009 regular City Council agenda with the following amendments:

City Council

3. I-94 Rollover discussion

Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

July 6, 2009 regular City Council minutes

MOTION BY Council member Fay, seconded by Council member Wagner to approve the Monday, July 6, 2009 regular City Council minutes as presented, which will be printed and signed; after signing the minutes will be scanned and the electronic scanned version will be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk that will serve as the official copy. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

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All items with an asterisk (☛) are considered to be routine in nature by the City staff and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member, staff, or citizen so requests. In such event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda; a separate discussion will take place during the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda that will require a separate motion.

Mayor Klecker inquired if there were any items to be pulled for further discussion

MOTION BY Council member Vetsch, seconded by Council member Wagner to approve the July 20, 2009 Consent Agenda that included the following item: **8.E.1.** Authorize the Monday, July 20, 2009 Payment of Claims (bills) for check numbers **027252** to **027304** as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

FIRE DEPARTMENT -- no comments

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Approve the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to accept the low bid of Omann Brothers Paving to overlay the basket ball court; reclaim, grade, compact base, install new asphalt in the tennis court. Install new color surface and lines to both courts

Public Works-Parks Supervisor Guimont waited for any comments from the Council regarding the proposed park improvement. Hearing no comments the following motion was made:

MOTION BY Council member Sorensen, seconded by Council member Fay to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee's recommendation to accept the low bid of Omann Brothers Paving to overlay the basket ball court; reclaim, grade, compact base, install new asphalt in the tennis court; install new color surface and lines to both courts at an estimated cost of the project for the City is \$ 36,500. Funds from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust will pay for \$7,750 of the cost. The remaining balance of \$28,750 would come from the Park Building fund (\$8,043) and the Park Improvement fund (\$20,707), which has a fund balance of \$8,043 and \$20,707 respectively. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve setting up the skate board park in the outdoor ice rink area prior to the August 23rd weekend; then taken down (removed) following the Labor Day weekend (Sept 7th). Staff has the discretion to remove the equipment at any time if the user's behavior is not conducive to a positive park atmosphere

OR

Direct staff to advertise and sell the skate board park equipment to the highest bidder with the City retaining the right to reject all bids

Public Works-Parks Supervisor Guimont explained to the Council that the City has noticed a few communities or other entities looking for skateboard equipment. Guimont discussed the potential of setting up the equipment one last time; however, staff wanted to install the equipment in the outdoor rink area. Staff felt this area would be less accessible to the parking lot, which may cut down on the kids loitering or vandalizing the equipment.

Klecker was concerned with the kids loitering around or potentially causing problems. Klecker recalled that about 3-4 years ago when the City had the skateboard park, the City would receive a number of complaints about the kids hanging around and the inappropriate language that was used. Sometimes the kids weren't even using the skateboard park, they would park their cars close by in order to hangout with friend. Klecker appeared somewhat hesitant in installing the equipment.

Other Council members had concerns with the hockey rink area becoming damaged; therefore, questioning whether this is a good decision. Council took into account that the summer is about ½ over so the equipment would not be up for very long. Following the discussion and debate a motion was made by the Council.

MOTION BY Council member Sorensen, seconded by Council member Fay to approve staff to set-up the skate board park equipment in the outdoor hockey rink area within Central-City Park prior to the July 25th weekend; then take down or remove the skate board park equipment following the Labor Day weekend (Sept 7th). Staff has the discretion to remove the equipment at any time if the user's behavior is not conducive to a positive park atmosphere. Council directed staff to put up signage and skate board park rules for the individuals using the equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT (WWTP) – no comments

BUILDING DEPARTMENT – no comments

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

■ *Authorize the Monday, July 20, 2009 Payment of Claims (bills) for check numbers 027252 to 027304 as presented except the bills specifically pulled, which are passed by separate motion*

MOTION BY Council member Vetsch, seconded by Council member Wagner to authorize the Monday, July 20, 2009 Payment of Claims (bills) for check numbers **027252 to 027304** as presented except the bills specifically pulled, which are passed by separate motion

CITY CLERK – no comments

CITY COUNCIL

Oral Update on the STMA Ice Arena Board meeting

Council member Wagner gave an overview of the STMA Ice Arena Board meeting, in which the STMA Ice Arena Manager Fitch presented the potential of an outdoor rink. The cost estimate for an outdoor rink would be approximately \$100,000. Wagner was not sure if there would be much of a cost-savings to proceed with an outdoor rink versus a structure.

Oral Update on the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting

Council member Fay reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the Ordinance amendment to increase the Temporary Portable Signs. The Commission approved the ordinance revising the date to January 19, 2010, at which time the Commission and Council could re-evaluate whether to continue throughout the remainder of 2010.

Fay noted two (2) other items that were discussed that included 54th Street NE development and Scott Dorenbush's resignation. The homes along 54th Street were built in the late 1970's that required a large front-yard setback, and the Commission will evaluate amending the setbacks.

Sunday, July 12, 2009 Interstate 94 Rollover

Council member Fay encouraged the Council and staff to contact the Albertville Mall to coordinate a meeting to discuss emergency evacuation plans. Fay was aware that with the recent rollover there was flammable liquid that was spilt. Since the liquid did not catch on fire, the rescue team needs to keep others back 1,000 feet; however, if the liquid would have caught on fire the rescue team would have needed a ½ mile radius. That means the Albertville Mall would have needed to get everyone out of there.

PLANNING AND ZONING – no comments

ENGINEERING – no comments

LEGAL

Review Ordinance Amending Related to Social Hosting (DISCUSSION ITEM)

City Attorney Couri gave an overview of the proposed amendment to the 2005 Albertville Municipal City Code to include an Ordinance related to Social Hosting. An STMA School District resident sent a letter to the Albertville and St. Michael City Attorneys asking them to present the Ordinance to the Council for them to consider adopting the amendment. The accident on CSAH 19 that happened this spring is what initiated the group of parents that became concerned with future accidents. The DARE Program educates the fifth (5th) Graders regarding the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Parents would like to continue the efforts beyond 5th Grade by educating not only the young teenagers but the parents as well. Couri acknowledged that there is a group of individuals in the audience that are in support of the Social Host Ordinance.

Jeanne Holland, member of the STMA School Board was one of the individuals who was involved with bringing the parents in the communities together regarding minors having access to alcohol on the home front. Ms. Holland brought up the fact that the City of Chaska, MN was the leader in adopting or enacting a Social Host Ordinance. Chaska's Social Host ordinance is based upon other cities versions of a Social Host Ordinance.

Council discussed whether or not to consider adopting a Social Host Ordinance. It was noted that the City of Otsego has adopted a Social Host Ordinance. The parents in the audience wanted the Cities of Albertville and St. Michael to work together by adopting a similar ordinance as a majority of the teenagers in the area are in the same school district.

Pat Hackmann with the Wright County Safe Place approached the Council informing them that she was in support of the Social Host laws. As we all know, there is the understanding that there are laws in place stating that the Minnesota legal alcohol drinking age is 21. There is a tolerance

of alcohol in the community. There are siblings, relatives, and friends of teenagers that are of the legal alcohol drinking age who are inviting the kids over to their place to “party”.

Council wanted staff to obtain a copy of Otsego’s Social Host Ordinance and find out whether the ordinance is working or not for them. In summary, the Council was willing to continue moving forward and working with St. Michael in drafting and adopting a Social Host Ordinance.

ADMINISTRATION

Accept the City Administrator’s Written Report dated July 16, 2009

City Administrator Kruse asked if the Council had any questions or concerns regarding his report. There were no additional comments or questions for the City Administrator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and or UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mayor Klecker asked the Council to review the upcoming meetings and calendar of events, which there were no comments.

July 2009

- 27 6:00 p.m. Joint Powers Water Board meeting**
- 27 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop**

August 2009

- 3 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting**
- 3 following Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop (if necessary)**
- 10 6:00 p.m. STMA Ice Arena Board meeting**
- 11 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission meeting**
- 17 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting**
- 21 5:30 p.m. St. Michael vs. Albertville Bowling competition
(St. Michael Bowling alley)**
- 24 6:00 p.m. Joint Powers Water Board meeting**
- 24 7:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole Budget Workshop (if necessary)**
- 31 6:00 p.m. Jt. Cities Albertville & St. Michael, STMA School
Board meeting (location to be determined)**

September 2009

- 7 all day Independence Day observed – City Offices closed**
- 8 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting ~~(TUESDAY)~~**
- 9 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission meeting**
- 14 6:00 p.m. STMA Ice Arena Board meeting**
- 21 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting**

- 28 6:00 p.m. **Joint Powers Water Board meeting**
- 28 7:00 p.m. **Committee of the Whole Workshop (tentative)**

October 2009

- 5 7:00 p.m. **City Council meeting**
- 12 all day **Columbus Day observed – City Offices closed**
- 12 6:00 p.m. **STMA Ice Arena Board meeting**
- 12 7:00 p.m. **Family-Youth Community Cooperative (FYCC)**
- 13 7:00 p.m. **Planning and Zoning Commission meeting**
- 19 7:00 p.m. **City Council meeting**
- 26 6:00 p.m. **Joint Powers Water Board meeting**
- 26 7:00 p.m. **Committee of the Whole Workshop (tentative)**

November 2009

- 2 7:00 p.m. **City Council meeting**
- 9 6:00 p.m. **STMA Ice Arena Board meeting**
- 10 7:00 p.m. **Planning and Zoning Commission meeting**
- 11 all day **Veterans' Day observed – City Offices closed**
- 16 7:00 p.m. **City Council meeting**
- 23 6:00 p.m. **Joint Powers Water Board meeting**
- 26 all day **Thanksgiving Day observed – City Offices closed**
- 30 tentative **Jt. City of Albertville; City of St. Michael and
STMA School Board meeting (location to be determined)**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY Council member Fay, seconded by Council member Sorensen to adjourn the Monday, July 20, 2009 regular City Council meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridget Miller, City Clerk (recording secretary)