



ALBERTVILLE CITY COUNCIL

June 21, 2010

MINUTES

ALBERTVILLE CITY HALL

7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Ron Klecker, Council members John Vetsch, Dan Wagner, Tom Fay, and Larry Sorensen

OTHERS PRESENT: City Administrator Larry Kruse, City Clerk Bridget Miller, and City Engineer Adam Nafstad

ABSENT: City Attorney Mike Couri and City Planner Al Brixius

CITIZEN FORUM

Bernard Burke updated the Council on the progress of the New Library. Everything appears to be on schedule meaning the project is moving along nicely. Mr. Burke stated the Friends of the Library are doing a fund raiser for furniture and fixtures for the Library. St. Michael tentatively cut \$50,000 from both the Library and Senior Center budget. Mr. Burke stated they may be approaching some Albertville businesses, and wanted the Council to know about the effort.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Monday, June 21, 2010 agenda was amended as follows:

Council member Sorensen added: 8.K.2. Administration – Friendly City Day Parade

CMs Sorensen/Wagner **motioned** to approve the June 21, 2010 agenda adding 8.K.2. Administration – Friendly City Day Parade item. 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 or citizen so requests. In such event, the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

There are two items on the June 21, 2010 Consent Agenda, which Council member Wagner had a question regarding a check; therefore, pulled the June 21, 2010 Payment of Claims.

CMs Wagner/Sorensen **motioned** to approve the June 21, 2010 Consent Agenda item 8.F.1. Approve the Monday, June 7, 2010 **regular City Council** minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 2010-019 - Establishing a Four (4) Ton Weight Restriction for a Portion of Kadler Avenue NE

City Administrator Kruse pointed out on the map where an Otsego Kadler Avenue property owner has been running a trucking operation from a property that is not zoned for that use. Otsego is placing the 4 ton road limit on their half of the road and is requesting Albertville to do the same as a means to discontinue the operation. Kruse reported that he had received several complaints about the dust and heavy truck traffic on the gravel road. Otsego has been very responsive in addressing the complaints and has already passed a similar Resolution.

CMs Fay/Sorensen **motioned** to approve **Resolution No. 2010-019** entitled a Resolution Establishing a Four (4) Ton Weight Restriction for a Portion of Kadler Avenue NE within the Albertville and Otsego city limits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Authorize the Monday, June 21, 2010 Payment of Claims (bills)

Council member Wagner pulled the Payment of Claims from the Consent Agenda to ask about check number 028517 made payable to Charter Communications in the amount of \$145.39.

City Administrator reported that a year or so ago, the STMA Ice Arena was seeking to have cable TV and internet installed, but Charter wanted about \$17,000 to bring service to the building. This spring, due to other demand in the neighborhood, Charter had extended cable free of charge to the arena. At that time, STMA Ice Arena Manager Fitch changed over the phone system to Charter and the bill in question is for monthly phone service. Kruse reported that last year, the City provide the Arena with a wireless internet system that has the capability to support Voice over IP at a much lower cost. At that time, the STMA Ice Arena Board tabled the additional costs of IP phones.

Kruse stated that under the City's Franchise Agreement City buildings can get cable TV for free; however, internet and phone service is at the regular Charter rate. Kruse will bring back a recommendation for the STMA Ice Arena Board to purchase the Voice over IP phones and eliminate the Charter phone bill. Kruse also noted that Charter had purchased \$3,000 of advertising from the arena this spring.

CMs Wagner/Fay **motioned** to authorize the Monday, June 21, 2010 Payment of Claims (bills) for check numbers **028506** to **028555** as presented following a brief discussion that will be scanned with supporting documents; the electronically scanned version will be kept on file in the office of the Finance Director that will serve as the City's official record. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK

☛ *Approve June 7, 2010 regular City Council minutes*

CMs Wagner/Sorensen **motioned** to approve the June 7, 2010 regular Council minutes as presented, the signed copy will be scanned and retained as the official City record. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-017 - Appointing 2010 Election Judges for the Primary and General Election

City Clerk Miller presented a request to approve Election Judges for the 2010 Primary scheduled for August 10th and the General scheduled for November 2nd election.

CMs Fay/Wagner **motioned** to approve **Resolution No. 2010-017** entitled a Resolution Appointing 2010 Election Judges for the Primary and General Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2010-018 - Appointing and Authorizing an Absentee Ballot Board

City Clerk Miller presented the Council with a request to approve a Resolution appointing and authorizing an Absentee Ballot Board for the 2010 elections. In previous years, Wright County has handled the Absentee Ballots for Albertville. Miller recommends that the City offer the convenience of absentee voting to our residents in 2010, eliminating the need to drive to Buffalo for those services.

Miller reported that the Minnesota Legislature passed a number of new Election Laws relating to the Absentee Ballot process. Knowing that this responsibility will be required of us in 2012, she would like to implement it during mid-term elections when the demand is lower than at the Presidential election.

Mayor Klecker/CM Sorensen **motioned** to approve **Resolution No. 2010-018** entitled a Resolution Appointing and Authorizing an Absentee Ballot Board for the City of Albertville 2010 Primary and General Elections. Motion carried unanimously.

St. Albert Catholic Aid's Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application to sell Raffle tickets

City Clerk Miller explained that the St. Albert Catholic Church presented a Gambling Permit to sell raffle tickets. Selling the raffle tickets is a fund-raiser for the church.

Council directed staff to obtain additional information on the raffle tickets and what prize(s) that will be won.

CMs Wagner/Sorensen **motioned** to approve the St. Albert Catholic Aid's Minnesota Lawful Gambling LG220 Application to sell Raffle tickets for a drawing that will be held on January 3, 2011 at the St Albert Parish Center located at 5700 Lander Avenue NE and or 11458 – 57th Street NE within the Albertville city limits contingent upon receiving additional information as to what will the prizes be. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL

Friendly City Days parade

Council member Sorensen brought to the Council's attention there was a float in the Friendly City Days parade that got attention, which to some was negative. Council member Wagner reported that he attended the parade; and saw the float Sorensen is referring to. Wagner acknowledged that surrounding viewers took offense to the message being portrayed. It didn't appear to be the appropriate place to display or have a float in a family oriented event like the parade. Council members agreed that individuals may have opinions like this, but to put the message on a rather large float did not seem the appropriate place.

City Administrator Kruse assured the Council that staff would forward the e-mail regarding the float to LeRoy Berning, Chair of Friendly City Days to let him be more aware of the response the viewers had towards the parade float. City Attorney Couri also e-mailed a response to the Council and e-mailer. Kruse reviewed the LMC e-mail etiquette or guideline as to when should a person respond or just acknowledge the comment.

ENGINEERING

Accept the City Engineer's Project Status Report dated June 16, 2010

City Engineer Nafstad gave a brief overview of items in the Project Status Report.

Lamar Wetland Permit Application

City Engineer Nafstad reported that in conjunction with a variance application for the construction of a billboard, a wetland permit application was submitted to the City on behalf of Lamar Advertising Company.

As the Local Governing Unit (LGU), the City processed the wetland application and held a Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) meeting to review the application. As an outcome of the TEP meeting, the panel had additional questions for Lamar Advertising. A response was submitted later by Lamar for the panel to consider the wetland application.

At the May 3, 2010 regular City Council meeting, staff presented a Resolution denying a variance that is needed to construct the billboard. The TEP received the information regarding the need for a variance to construct the billboard that was denied by the City; therefore, the TEP is recommending that the wetland application be denied also.

CMs Wagner/Sorensen **motioned** to deny the Lamar Advertising Company Wetland Permit Application submitted to the City on February 18, 2010 for construction of a Billboard in Wetland located on the Potter property at the intersection of 60th Street NE and MacKenzie Avenue NE; and, directing staff to issue the Notice of Decision as required by the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA). Mayor Klecker, Council members Wagner and Sorensen voted aye. Council members Vetsch and Fay voted nay. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

ADMINISTRATION

Single-Sort Recycling and City-option for Garbage Collection

City Administrator Kruse noted that at the last meeting staff presented the concept in regards to going with single-sort recycling and a City-option for garbage collection. The Consensus of the Council was to move forward. Staff is now looking for Council approval or authorization to invite Licensed Waste Haulers to submit a proposal for Single-sort Recycling and a City-option for Garbage collection and for staff to see if they can negotiate a contract for Council approval.

The intention of offering the residents both is an attempt to increase the amount of recycling and to provide transparent and competitive pricing for waste services. This would be a non-exclusive five (5) year contract whereby the resident would have the option to participate in the "City Refuse and Recycling Option" or to use their current licensed garbage hauler. Going with the "City Refuse and Recycling Option", the customer would have the ability to a 35/65/95 gallon single-sort recycling container. Staff is anticipating an increase in recycling that will result in a higher SCORE grant funds, which will recoup the investment in the City owned recycle containers. As part of the contract, the vendor would be responsible to track and report collection bins for payment.

Council member Vetsch expressed his concerns with the City getting involved with the contract of Refuse Hauler and the additional work this would impose on staff. Additional work would involve setting up and billing the resident for the fees or service. In summary, Vetsch gave the impression to leave the collection process as it currently is in place.

Council members Wagner and Sorensen, along with Mayor Klecker reported that they have been approached by citizens asking why the City has not gone with Single-sort Recycling yet. Other surrounding communities are offering it and Albertville continues with the blue bins that fill up rather fast.

~~CMs Sorensen/Wagner **motioned** to authorize staff to invite Licensed Waste Haulers to submit proposals for a non-exclusive City-option waste collection vendor to collect weekly regular garbage and bi-weekly single-sort recycling to be billed through the City's Utility billing system.~~
CMs Sorensen/Wagner **motioned** to authorize staff to invite Licensed Waste Haulers to submit proposals for a non-exclusive City-option waste collection vendor to collect weekly regular garbage and bi-weekly single-sort recycling to be billed through the City's Utility billing system. Mayor Klecker, Council members Sorensen, Wagner, and Fay voted aye. Council member Vetsch voted aye on the single-sort recycling - nay on the garbage service. Motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and or UPCOMING MEETINGS

June 2010

- 25 ----- Absentee Ballot Voting begins (Friday)**
- 28 6:00 p.m. Joint Powers Water Board meeting**

July 2010

- 5 all day Independence Day observed – City offices closed**
- 6 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting TUESDAY**
- 12 6:00 p.m. STMA Ice Arena Board meeting**
- 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**

August 2010

- 2 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting**
- 3 8:00 a.m. Filing for City Council OPENS (Tuesday)**
- 7 Sat. Absentee Ballot voting office open**
- 9 6:00 p.m. STMA Ice Arena Board meeting (upper level City Hall)**
- 9 5:00 p.m. Absentee Ballot Voting ENDS (Monday)**
- 10 7:00 a.m. Primary Election - TUESDAY**
- 11 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission meeting**
- 16 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting**
- 17 5:00 p.m. Filing for City Council CLOSSES (Tuesday)**
- 23 6:00 p.m. Joint Powers Water Board meeting**

September 2010

- 6 all day Labor Day observed – City offices closed**
- 7 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting TUESDAY**
- 13 6:00 p.m. STMA Ice Arena Board meeting**
- 14 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission meeting**
- 20 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting**
- 27 6:00 p.m. Joint Powers Water Board meeting**

ADJOURNMENT

CMs Sorensen/Mayor Klecker **motioned** to adjourn the Monday, June 21, 2010 regular City Council meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Bridget Miller, City Clerk (recording secretary)