

ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., Mayor Czech presiding.

Members present: Mayor Czech, Borchert, Griep, Reetz, Voight, Wills

Members absent: None

Also Present: Administrator Krueger, Street Supt. Thomes, Police Chief Rovinsky, Officer Patrick Longbehn, WW Supt. McCormick, Kurt Menk

Motion by Griep, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda the following additions:

6d) Cleanup Day.

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2006 meeting as corrected.

Motion by Voight, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the bills as presented.

Police Chief Rovinsky introduced Patrick Longbehn, the new full-time police officer. The Mayor and Council welcomed him to Arlington. Chief Rovinsky commented that Officer Longbehn is currently living in St. Paul, but is looking to relocate to Arlington.

Police Chief Rovinsky presented his monthly report for February.

The Council reviewed the Solid Waste Collection Permits for residential, commercial, city contract and city recycling. Supt. Thomes explained that the city contract and recycling were sent out as separate bids this year. He stated that in working with Evergreen Sanitation for the last year on the city contract went well. Evergreen helped out during the Town & Country Days celebration last year at no charge to the City and has offered to the same again this year; and did an excellent job with the Spring Cleanup Day last year as well. He stated that Evergreen Sanitation had bid \$321.70/month, Waste Management had bid \$338.70/month and TCW had bid \$361.50/month for the city contract. He was recommending that the Council accept the low bid from Evergreen Sanitation for the city contract. Supt. Thomes added that Evergreen had made an offer guarantying the same pricing for 2 years if they were awarded the city contract.

Motion by Griep, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the following solid waste collection permits for 2006-2007:

- a) Tidy Disposal, Evergreen Sanitation, Waste Management for residential/commercial/roll off/dumpster pickup; and
- b) Gaylord Sanitation, TCW, Waconia Rolloff for roll off/dumpster pickup.

Motion by Voight, seconded by Griep, and passed by unanimous vote to accept Street Supt. Thomes' recommendation to accept the 2-year low bid from Evergreen Sanitation in the amount of \$321.70/month for the city solid waste collection contract, which becomes effective April 1, 2006.

Supt. Thomes explained that Waste Management had bid \$120/week, TCW had bid \$195.50/week, and Waconia Rolloff had bid \$225/week for the recycling contract. He stated that Waconia Rolloff was the company the City was currently working with as they were subcontracted by Evergreen Sanitation last year. He stated that there were a few problems last year with not having a covered container. He stated that Waste Management has had the recycling contract in the past and the containers they use work better (covered with smaller doors so people can't put swimming pools, etc. into the recycling container), therefore he recommended accepting the low bid from Waste Management.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to accept Street Supt. Thomes' recommendation to accept the low bid from Waste Management in amount of \$120/week for the recycling contract for 2006-2007 and becomes effective April 1, 2006.

Street Supt. Thomes talked about the Curbside Cleanup Day that has been set for Saturday, April 22nd. He commented that day is also Earth Day. He stated that advertising was being put together, which something would be going out with the next months utility billing as well.

Discussion was held on approving the purchase of an additional BioCube unit to replace the rental unit currently being used in the northeast corner of town (Meadowlark Lane/Hwy 5 area). WW Supt. McCormick explained that the City does not have the necessary transformers needed to run the rental unit long term. He presented a quote from Tech Sales in the amount of \$29,250. Administrator Krueger commented that the Utility Committee had met on this prior to the Council meeting.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills and passed by unanimous vote to approve the quote from Tech Sales in the amount of \$29,250 for the purchase of a BioCube unit.

The Council reviewed the 3.2 Malt Liquor and Setup Licenses.

Motion by Griep, seconded by Voight, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the following:

- a) Setup Licenses – American Legion/VFW Post, Spare Time Bowling Center
- b) On-Sale – Arlington Raceway, Arlington Baseball Assn., Spare Time Bowling Center, American Legion
- c) Off-Sale – Arlington Raceway
- d) Discontinued Selling – Quickshop.

Administrator Krueger explained that a letter giving 90-notice to discontinue the cleaning contract for the Community Center had been received from Jay's Cleaning Service. Voight asked to table this until the working session at the end of the meeting. It was decided to just continue discussion. Administrator Krueger explained that some questions continue to arise regarding the number of hours it takes to clean the Community Center after certain events. City staff has attempted to question the cleaning service about the hours at which the cleaning service becomes defensive and does not reply in a timely manner, if at all. Administrator Krueger commented that through conversations with the owner (Jay), he got the feeling that Jay didn't want to argue about the hours, he just wanted to get paid, no questions asked. He feels that city staff and/or he have the right to question about the hours being billed to the City. He gave the example of the number of hours it took to clean the facility after the City Appreciation Dinner (facility was left pretty clean). He recommended having the Public Buildings Committee work on this. Voight suggested having a flat rate of pay instead of hourly rate of pay, things even out eventually. Reetz commented that he would like to see the problems resolved (micromanaging and holding checks) with Jay's as the City really doesn't have any other options at this time. Administrator Krueger commented that he feels it is more a problem of management, not staffing. Wills suggested trying to find an average cost (take the total amount billed for the last year and divide it by the number of events) for cleaning the Community Center and work that into the agreement. It was the consensus that the Public Buildings Committee would work on this with Jay's Cleaning Service.

Administrator Krueger stated that a question regarding the racetrack disclosure statement for the Meyerson Development purchase agreements had been brought to his attention. He was informed that the statement was not being included in the purchase agreement paperwork. He researched the minutes and Developer's Agreement to see if this was a condition (mandatory) added at the time the plat was approved. He found where Mr. Meyerson said he would put a statement in the purchase agreements, but this was not included in any motion. He spoke with Attorney Arneson about this as well. Attorney Arneson informed him that the City has no obligation in this matter to inform the property owners, it is solely up to Mr. Meyerson. Reetz commented that he had spoken with Mike Scharping (P&Z member & Fair Board member) and they were under the impression that the plat was approved contingent upon this disclosure statement being included in the paperwork and on file at the courthouse for each lot within the development. Voight questioned if Mr. Meyerson had been

contacted about this or if any of the property owners had been contacted. Administrator Krueger said that Mr. Meyerson had been contacted, but was not too forthcoming with information. Administrator Krueger will review the tapes to make sure nothing was misconstrued in the minutes.

Motion by Voight, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the travel request from P&Z Administrator Jenness to attend the quarterly meeting of the Southwest Minnesota Chapter of Minnesota Building Officials in Redwood Falls on March 15th.

The Council reviewed the building permit report from P&Z Administrator Jenness. Mayor Czech commented that the Arlington Good Samaritan Center expansion is on track; they have hired Bolton & Menk to survey the property in order to move the addition north away from the water main that exists on the property.

Mayor Czech stated that the Historical Society is ready to the work on the front of the old fire hall building.

Griep commented that the Cable Commission had contacted the County Commissioners about televising their meetings and are waiting on more input from them.

Griep commented that he had received a few complaints about the sound quality of the Council meetings. Administrator Krueger commented that the microphones had been lowered. He also stated that when the new DVD recorder gets installed, a new (improved) microphone will be installed to see how it works.

Kurt Menk spoke briefly about the Community Center Cleaning situation with Jay's Cleaning Service.

Griep questioned if Cemstone was back washing out their ready mix trucks down by the shop area. Administrator Krueger commented that they never really quit.

Mayor Czech reminded the Council about the upcoming Democratic Caucus being held at the Community Center and invited them to attend.

Mayor Czech reminded the Council the Senator Neuville and Representative Brod were coming to Arlington on Saturday, March 11th to hold a Town Meeting at the Community Center; and again invited them to attend.

Mayor Czech invited the Council to attend the upcoming Global warming meeting at the Catholic Church.

Mayor Czech passed around a Valentine message for the Council to read from Marge Kloeckl.

Wills questioned if another sign could be put up by the north entrance of the hospital so the public knows they can enter on that side (Douglas Street) and not just on the Chandler Street side. Administrator Krueger will check into this.

Wills questioned if the quarterly budget report was going to be coming as a monthly report now that the software was in place. Administrator Krueger said yes, the program had to be customized to our needs first before we could generate monthly budget reports instead of quarterly.

The Council held a working session to discuss the Police Committee Rules & Guidelines. Administrator Krueger and Adm. Asst. Pomplun will revise the Rules and present them at a future meeting.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Reetz, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the regular meeting and working session.

Administrator David L. Krueger

Mayor David Czech