

STON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

**NOVEMBER 15, 2010 AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The City Council is provided background information for agenda items in advance by city staff, committees and boards. Many decisions regarding agenda items are based upon this information, as well as: City policy and practices, input from constituents, questions or information that has not yet been presented or discussed regarding an agenda item. If you have a concern or question, please ask to be recognized by the Mayor during the "Citizens addressing the Council" portion of the agenda—state your name and address for the record. Please keep comments under 5 minutes. Individuals wishing to speak for more than five minutes should ask to be included on the agenda in advance. All comments are appreciated, but please refrain from personal or derogatory attacks on individuals.

1. Sibley-Renville Fiber to the Home Feasibility Study Presentation at Community Center
2. Call regular meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance (6:30 p.m.)
3. Roll Call
4. Approve the agenda and any agenda additions

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed for consideration will be enacted by one motion unless the Mayor, a member of the City Council, City Staff or a person in attendance requests an item to be removed from the Agenda.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of the November 1st Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B) Approval of the November 5th Special Meeting Minutes
 - C) Approval of Bills
 - D) Approval of the Construction of a 5' x 6' x 8' block well house at Sportsman's Park for \$900
 - E) Approval of the Stealing of the Park Shelter at Sportsman's Park for \$5,335.92
 - F) Approval of the Repair to the Grit Chamber at the WWTP in the amount of \$11,700

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, & COMMUNICATIONS

6. Addressing the Council
 - A) Citizens Addressing the Council
7. Announcements
 - A) Budget Workshop Meeting at November 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.
 - B) City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th for Thanksgiving
 - C) Truth-in-Taxation Hearing at Monday, December 6th @ 6:00 p.m. (Change in Council Start Time)
 - D) Sibley County Municipality Assoc. Meeting at Thursday, December 9th @ 6 p.m. in New Auburn
8. Communications
 - A) October Financial Reports
 - B) Health Insurance Renewal Information



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ICERS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

9. Ordinances

10. Resolutions

- A) 56-2010 ó Approving a Rate Increase to the Community Center Rent
- B) 57-2010 ó Approving a Tariff for Interconnection of Generation to the Electric Utility's Distribution System
- C) 58-2010 ó Accepting a Donation

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. West Elgin Alley Flooding Issues

NEW BUSINESS

12. Approve/Deny the placement of Fire Pits on a Public Right-of-Way during the Arli-Dazzle Parade

13. Approval of the purchase of a Pump for the Green Isle Lift Station in the amount of \$9,239.49

14.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

15. Council Committee Updates

16. Open Discussion

ADJOURNMENT

Reminders:

- 1) Library Board ó November 17th @ 6:30 pm (Library)
- 2) EDA ó November 17th @ 6:00 p.m. (Tech Center)
- 3) SMC Board ó November 29th @ 5 pm (SMC)

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m., Mayor Kreft presiding.

Members present: Mayor Kreft, Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills

Members absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich, Councilmember Elect Jason Ruehling, Denton Larson, Kurt Menk

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda with the following change:

Pull item 5F) from consent agenda and move it to item 13.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Pederson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A) Approval of the November 1st Regular Meeting Minutes
- B) Approval of the November 5th Special Meeting Minutes
- C) Approval of the Bills
- D) Approval of the Construction of a 5ø x 6ø x 8ø block well house at Sportsmanø Park for \$900
- E) Approval of the Steeling of the Park Shelter at Sportsmanø Park for \$5,335.92
- F) Approval of the Repair to the Grit Chamber at the WWTP in the amount of \$11,700.

It was noted that there were no public hearings scheduled.

It was noted that there were no citizens present to address the Council on non-agenda items.

The following announcements were reviewed:

- 1) Budget Workshop Meeting ó November 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.
- 2) City Offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th for Thanksgiving
- 3) Truth-in-Taxation Hearing ó Monday, December 6th @ 6:00 pm (Change in Council Start Time)
- 4) Sibley County Municipality Assoc. Meeting ó Thursday, December 9th @ 6 pm in New Auburn.

The Council reviewed the following communications:

- 1) October Financial Reports
- 2) Health Insurance Renewal Information.

It was noted that there were no Officers, Boards or Committees reporting to the Council.

It was noted that there were no Ordinances to review.

Councilmember Reetz introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 56-2010
A RESOLUTION TO RAISE THE CLEANING & UTILITY (NON-PROFIT) RENTAL RATE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Ordinance 219, the City Council has the right to change rates and fees by resolutions;
and



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City Council and staff is the purpose behind the electric rate increase;

WHEREAS, the City Council has chosen to raise the non-profit rental rate at the Community Center due to an increase in cleaning costs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Arlington, that the Cleaning and Utility Cost (Non-Profit) Rate is hereby increased to \$210 on Fridays and Saturdays and \$135 for Sunday through Thursday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this increase will become effective upon passage of the resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Wills and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 15th day of November, 2010.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

Councilmember Wills introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 57-2010
A RESOLUTION APPROVING A POLICY ESTABLISHING A TARIFF FOR INTERCONNECTION OF GENERATION TO THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Arlington that the attached Tariff for Interconnection to the Electric Distribution System Policy is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy will become effective upon passage of the resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pederson and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

Approved by the City Council of the City of Arlington this 15th day of November, 2010.

CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

Councilmember Vrklan introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION 58-2010
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION AND DESIGNATING ITS USE

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington may accept a gift of real or personal property, including money, and use it in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor; and

WHEREAS, the City may not, however, accept or use gifts for religious or sectarian purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arlington has received a donation of money from the Seneca Foods Foundation for the purpose of being used within the Fire Department.

The City Council of the City of Arlington that the City accepts the fire fund for use in a future fire department project.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember Pichelmann and upon poll being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof: Pederson, Pichelmann, Reetz, Vrklan, Wills; and the following voted against the same: None; and the following abstained from voting: None; and the following were absent: None.

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CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA

/s/ James R. Kreft
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator

Discussion was held on the West Elgin alley and its flooding issues. Adm. Jaunich gave a brief history on the subject matter, going back to 2006. He explained that the City had looked into some options for correcting the problem and then assessing the property owners, but the property owners were opposed. Resident Denton Larson was present to express his concerns on the matter. Adm. Jaunich commented that there is a power box that is on private property and not located within the easement and some of the residents have bushes/shrubs within the easement area. He stated that he had contacted McLeod Power about the power box sitting partially submerged in water and was told there was nothing to worry about as the cover acts as a seal. Adm. Jaunich commented that the project could be initiated by either the residents in the neighborhood submitting a petition (signed by 50% of them) asking for improvements to be made or the City itself could decide to make the necessary improvements (and then determine if residents should/not be assessed). Reetz expressed his concern that the residents should be assessed, as this was a development issue. A few ideas were mentioned as possible ways to correct the problem.

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to direct City Staff to come up with options for draining the alley, along with cost analysis for same (to include financial assistance from the City and affected property owners).

The Council reviewed a letter from Kim Vigen, Chairperson for the Arli-Dazzle Parade, asking permission to have six campfires along the parade route. Adm. Jaunich noted that the Fire Department had provided a list of concerns (cinders, creating melting/icing hazards, general safety, etc.) with the idea. Vrklan expressed some concern about liability.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Pederson, and carried (Wills opposed) to allow fire pits along the Arli-Dazzle parade route (as mentioned in letter noted above), with restrictions as set by City Staff.

Discussion was held on the purchase of a pump for the Green Isle Lift Station in the amount of \$9,239.49. Adm. Jaunich stated that Councilmember Wills had inquired (prior to the meeting) why the City of Arlington was purchasing the pump for Green Isle. He explained that it was part of the A-GI Wastewater System, which the City of Arlington is responsible to help maintain. He reviewed portions of the Joint Powers Agreement currently in place, which explains how costs are shared/collected for improvements to the system.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Pichelmann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a pump for the Green Isle Lift Station in the amount of \$9,239.49.

Vrklan commented on an unofficial meeting (as there wasn't a quorum) of the Cemetery Committee. He stated that the topic of discussion was the donation of a big wreath from the Glieden family to be placed



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He stated that there was not a consensus of the group to the
s agreed that the family would donate a tree instead.

Pederson gave an update on the Parks Committee. He stated that they will be targeting play equipment for the Sportsmanø Park next year. He also stated that they are working with a family who wants to donate a tree in memory of a family member who passed away to be placed in Memorial Park. It was suggested to work with the Veteranø Organizations on the location for the tree.

Brief discussion was held on the issue of semi-trucks parking along Hwy 5 and other locations. Adm. Jaunich explained that the State Patrol says that the portion of Hwy 5 that is within city limits, is up to the City to set restrictions on regarding parking.

Adm. Jaunich commented that the Police Department issued 57 warnings over the last weekend with regards to snow removal, but no tickets were issued with it being the first snowfall of the season.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

City Administrator Matthew Jaunich

Mayor James R. Kreft