

PROPOSED MINUTES OF THE CROOKSTON CITY COUNCIL, POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA. THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8, 2005, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL.

Assistant Mayor Marlys Mjoen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested all present to stand for a moment of silence.

Council Members present in answer to roll call were: Craig Bunes, Keith Mykleseth, Wayne Melbye, Harry Manole, Tom Vedbraaten, Dave Genereux and Frank Lindgren.

Absent was: Mayor Osborne.

Staff present were: Pat Kelly, Tim Motherway, Scott Kleven, Mike MacDonald, Chad Palm, Richard Rock, Aaron Parrish and Betty Arvidson.

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There was no one present to address the council.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Manole, seconded by Council Member Bunes and duly carried that the Agenda be approved as presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Mykleseth asked that Item No. "6.03 Approve setting public hearing for the purpose to review and raise the sewer rates and fees charged by the City of Crookston", be moved to Item No. 8.02 under the Regular Agenda.

On motion by Council Member Lindgren, seconded by Council Member Melbye and duly carried by roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the following items:

6.01 City Council Minutes of October 25, 2005.

6.02 Resolution to approve City of Crookston bills and disbursements in the amount of \$234,173.53. Check Nos. 27434 through 27553. (RES. No. 24237)

6.03 This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under the Regular Agenda as Item No. 8.02.

6.04 Resolution to approve entering into a grant agreement with MnDOT for maintenance and operations at the Crookston Municipal Airport for 2006 and 2007. (RES. No. 24238)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Assistant Mayor Mjoen opened the Public Hearing on an ordinance amending parking requirements within the Central Business District (C-1).

Assistant Mayor Mjoen stated if anyone wanted to be heard to please stand and state their name and address.

Mike MacDonald, Community Development Director, stated this proposed ordinance change comes as a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Our existing ordinance does not differentiate between zoning districts, it simply provides a fixed number of parking spaces by the specific kind of use by the property and it doesn't consider the zoning districts in which that might occur. This has resulted in a problem for the reuse of downtown structures where the use may change from an existing "grandfathered" use to something that now requires compliance with our zoning ordinance. This zoning amendment would allow the zoning administrator to establish the number of parking places for the downtown zoning district based on criteria such as the availability of public parking, the opportunity for development of private parking and the need for common parking spaces of businesses in an area. The number of parking spaces could range from that which is prescribed by our current ordinance down to as low as private property.

Assistant Mayor Mjoen asked if anyone else wished to be heard and upon hearing none closed the Public Hearing.

REGULAR AGENDA

8.01 Ordinance amending parking requirements within the Central Business District (C-1).
Council Members voting in positive were: Bunes, Mykleseth, Melbye, Manole, Vedbraaten, Genereux and Lindgren.
Council Member voting in the negative were: None.

8.02 On motion by Council Member Mykleseth seconded by Council Member Lindgren and duly carried;
Resolution to approve setting public hearing for the purpose to review and raise the sewer rates and fees charged by the City of Crookston. (RES No. 24239)

REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Frank Lindgren, Council Member-at-Large - No report.

Craig Bunes, Council Member 1st Ward, wanted to thank all the staff that worked on clean-up week.

Keith Mykleseth, Council Member 3rd Ward - No report.
Wayne Melbye, Council Member 4th Ward - No report.
Harry Manole, Council Member 5th Ward - No report.

Tom Vedbraaten, Council Member 6th Ward, wanted to thank Scott Kleven and his crew for getting the trees planted this summer.

Dave Genereux, Council Member-at-Large - No report.

Mike MacDonald, reported the grant agreement is in place to access the bonding money for the West 6th Street slide area. We have made our first request of funds from the grant in order to reimburse the Small Cities Program for a portion of the acquisitions we have done. He also reported that there is a drill rig set up on West 6th Street doing some soil investigation. The engineering firm that was hired by MnDOT is doing the work.

Scott Kleven, Park and Rec. Director, wanted to thank members of our community for some special efforts that have been made. As you may recall, Jim Karn spent a lot of time working at the Highland baseball field, and since he has passed away this summer, Corky Reynolds and Brent Stahlecker have really stepped up to the plate and worked hard to keep things in good shape at the field. He also wanted to publicly thank Maryann Odland and the Leo Club for work they have done for the Park Department. They have recently planted shrubs along Barrette Street, cleaned up the Main Street Courtyard by painting some benches and cleaning up the hosta, and they also helped clean up the walking trail between 2nd Street and Albert Street.

On Motion by Council Member Bunes, seconded by Council Member Vedbraaten and duly carried that there being no further business to come before the City Council that said meeting be adjourned.

Marlys R. Mjoen, Assistant Mayor

Betty Arvidson, City Clerk-Treasurer