

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**CROOKSTON FORUM**

There was no one present to address the council.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Betty Arvidson, City Clerk/Treasurer, asked that Item No. 8.06 “To authorize entering into a 2-year exclusive beverage contract with Midwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company to provide sales and services for the Crookston Parks and Recreation facilities” be added to the Regular Agenda.

On motion by Council Member Vedbraaten, seconded by Council Member Lindgren and duly carried that the agenda be approved as amended.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 6.01 City Council Minutes of September 9, 2008.
- 6.02 Resolution to approve City of Crookston bills and disbursements in the amount of \$115,018.77. Ck Nos. 35315 through 35421. . (Res. No. 24914)
- 6.03 Resolution to approve setting public hearing on proposed assessment for unpaid water and sewer charges and charges for current services for October 28, 2008. (Res. No. 24915)
- 6.04 Resolution to approve authorization to execute Safe and Sober Communities Grant Agreement. (Res. No. 24916)
- 6.05 Approve accepting bid and awarding contract on the Crookston Arena Project – Utilities and Site Work to R. J. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. (Res. No. 24917)
- 6.06 Resolution to approve designation of parks in the City of Crookston. (Res. No. 24918)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Mayor Genereux stated there are several public hearings tonight and if anyone would like to address the Council regarding any of them, to please come to the podium and state your name and address.

7.01 Mayor Genereux opened the hearing on the proposed assessment for Project No. 911, Birch Street by reconstruction.

Arvidson stated the total project cost is \$119,626.30; with a city share of \$104,026.30 leaving an amount to be assessed of \$15,600.00. She is recommending assessing this project between 4 and 6 years at 5.5%.

Mayor Genereux asked if anyone else wished to be heard, and upon hearing none closed the public hearing.

7.02 Mayor Genereux opened the hearing on the proposed assessment for Project No. 912, Stephen’s Dr. by reconstruction.

Arvidson stated the total project cost is \$180,816.75; with a city share of \$155,273.40 leaving an amount to be assessed of \$25,543.35. She is recommending assessing this project between 4 and 10 years at 5.5%.

Mayor Genereux asked if anyone else wished to be heard, and upon hearing none closed the public hearing.

7.03 Mayor Genereux opened the hearing on the proposed assessment for Project No. 913, W 7th Street, from University Ave. to Birch St., by reconstruction.

Arvidson stated the total project cost is \$123,561.32; with a city share of \$100,086.32 leaving an amount to be assessed of \$23,475.00. She is recommending assessing this project between 4 and 10 years at 5.5%.

Mayor Genereux asked if anyone else wished to be heard, and upon hearing none closed the public hearing.

7.04 Mayor Genereux opened the hearing on the proposed assessment for Project No. 914, W 7th Street, from Pine Street to North Front, by reconstruction.

Arvidson stated the total project cost is \$79,559.13; with a city share of \$65,559.12 leaving an amount to be assessed of \$14,000.01. She is recommending assessing this project between 4 and 6 years at 5.5%.

Terry Wolfe, 716 Pine Street, asked how much the assessment was per lot.

Pat Kelly, Public Works Director, explained the assessments are based on how much footage a property owner owns. So each parcel could have a different amount of assessment.

Wolfe asked if we would know the final assessment soon.

Arvidson explained that the amount that was on his notice that he received for this public hearing was the final amount.

Mayor Genereux asked if anyone else wished to be heard, and upon hearing none closed the public hearing.

7.05 Mayor Genereux opened the hearing on the proposed vacation of the westerly 15 feet of South Front Street abutting Block 17 as platted in the South Crookston Addition to Crookston, Minnesota.

Mayor Genereux asked if anyone wished to be heard, and upon hearing none closed the public hearing.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

8.01 On Motion by Council Member Bunes, Seconded by Council Member Lindgren and duly carried:

Resolution to approve proposed assessment for Project No. 911, Birch Street by reconstruction. (Res. No. 24919)

8.02 On Motion by Council Member Mykleseth, Seconded by Council Member Melbye and duly carried:

Resolution to approve proposed assessment for Project No. 912, Stephen's Dr. by reconstruction. (Res. No. 24920)

8.03 On Motion by Council Member Mjoen, Seconded by Council Member Vedbraaten and duly carried:

Resolution to approve proposed assessment for Project No. 913, W 7<sup>th</sup> Street, from University Ave. to Birch St., by reconstruction. (Res. No. 24921)

8.04 On Motion by Council Member Bunes, Seconded by Council Member Martin and duly carried:

Resolution to approve proposed assessment for Project No. 914, W 7<sup>th</sup> Street, from Pine Street to North Front, by reconstruction. (Res. No. 24922)

8.05 On Motion by Council Member Lindgren, Seconded by Council Member Manole and duly carried:

Resolution to approve vacation of the westerly 15 feet of South Front Street abutting Block 17 as platted in the South Crookston Addition to Crookston, Minnesota. (Res. No. 24923)

8.06 On Motion by Council Member Melbye, Seconded by Council Member Vedbraaten and duly carried:

Resolution to authorize entering into a 2-year exclusive beverage contract with Midwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Grand Forks, North Dakota, to provide sales and services for the Crookston Parks and Recreation facilities for soft drinks, water and juices. (Res. No. 24924)

## **REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Rich Clauson, Widseth Smith Nolting, stated the street project should have sod by the end of the week, depending on the weather.

Dave Kildahl, Widseth Smith Nolting, stated the ground breaking for the arena will be held on Thursday, September 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Richard Rock, Fire Chief, stated October 4<sup>th</sup> is the annual open-house at the Fire Department from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Guy Martin, Council Member-at-Large, commented that the work being done on West 6<sup>th</sup> Street looks great. It is a nice entrance as you come into Crookston.

Tom Vedbraaten, Council Member 6th Ward - No report.

Harry Manole, Council Member 5th Ward, thanked everyone for coming to his last Ward Meeting held last week.

Wayne Melbye, Council Member 4th Ward, thanked Mayor Genereux and Aaron Parrish for organizing the ground breaking ceremony for the arena.

Keith Mykleseth, Council Member 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward, stated he had a recent incident with dog droppings and recommend we step up our efforts to clean up after our pets

Marlys Mjoen, Council Member 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward, stated the Hospice open-house was held today. It is located on South Broadway. She was glad to see good utilization of a building in downtown Crookston.

Craig Bunes, Council Member 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, stated that the flood project in his Addition is going very well.

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

Aaron Parrish, City Administrator, stated the following:

- ◆ They have been looking at the traffic and pedestrian safety issues in Crookston. It is an on-going topic of conversation.
- ◆ In regards to pedestrian signage, they have ordered additional signs to be placed out on Fisher Avenue and on North Broadway by Our Savior's Lutheran Church
- ◆ They are submitting another "Safe Route To School" grant for a path connecting the high school to established paths. The grant application is due in November.
- ◆ There are some temporary concerns with the re-routing of traffic on Fisher Avenue. He suggested to the school district to implement crossing guards for before and after school.
- ◆ Request to MnDOT for signalization on Fisher Avenue by the school.
- ◆ Request to MnDOT signalizing right hand turn from Robert to Broadway.
- ◆ Checking into the Federal Code on the count down timers at stop lights.

Mayor Genereux reported they have received the sanitary sewer extension permit for the arena project from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Genereux declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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David W. Genereux, Mayor

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Betty J. Arvidson, City Clerk-Treasurer