

City Council Minutes May 14, 2012

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ing on Monday, May 14, 2012 at the Community Center.

Present were: Mayor Brian Nephew and Council members Dennis Hasler, Trish Thorson and Todd Wise. Council member Dan Gisvold was absent.

Mayor Brian Nephew called the meeting to order at 6:30 and then called for an adjournment of the regular meeting to conduct a Public Hearing on the housing project to be undertaken by the EDA.

Todd Hagen from Ehlerø was introduced to those present and gave a brief presentation on the project and some background information on the bonding process. Todd explained that the EDA would be undertaking the project and that the bonds issued would be backed by the full faith and credit of the City.

Eric Bergeson, representing the Community Fund, then spoke briefly about how and why the Assisted Living project was started. He explained how it was becoming more important with changes in State Nursing Home funding that Fertile be able to offer a full continuum of care to its elderly residents. He also referred to the results of the Market Study update that showed that Fertile could support up to 29 units but that a more conservative number of 16 units was being planned.

Julie Rokke from YHR Partners then addressed the group and went over the site plan and floor plans that they had developed for the proposed Assisted Living.

City Administrator John Frohrip then went on to explain the òage in placeö concept that the Assisted Living project would fulfill on the Fair Meadow campus. With the presence of Summerfield for fully independent elderly living and Fair Meadow providing full care for the elderly, the Assisted Living facility would provide the necessary and much needed in-between step.

Barry Robertson, Fair Meadow Nursing Home Administrator, then opened up the floor to questions from those attending. Several questions were asked on various matters including the following: the services offered in assisted living, what assistance was available, factors that determine moving into such facilities and whether or not people could get on a waiting list.

Once all questions from the floor had been addressed, Mayor Nephew closed the Public Hearing and reopened the Council meeting. Upon consideration of Resolution #5-1-12, authorizing the pledge of the general obligation of the City to the EDA Housing bonds, Council member Wise, seconded by Council member Hasler, moved to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

Kevin Nephew, Public Works, then reported to the City Council. Kevin reported that they would be starting on the crack sealing next week and that the work would require a crew of four people. He explained that the equipment to be used was being leased but that the City would not be charged on days they were unable to do the work due to weather. With the equipment being leased Kevin also said that they would be working long days to reduce the leasing cost.

Derek Flanagan, representing Eide Bailly, then gave the report on the City's annual audit. Flanagan went through the Executive Summary with the Council explaining that it is a report that Eide Bailly compiles to summarize the longer, required financial reports. After review of a chart showing the revenue and expense trends for the water and sewer fund, there was some discussion of water and sewer rates and the possible need for rate increases. Overall, the summary showed the City was in a strong financial condition.

The Administrator, then made his report to the City Council. Fair residents and ended with 44 and operated at 84% capacity. There of adult day care.

Robertson also reported that they had to replace two water heaters. He also reported that the application for 501(C)3 status for Fair Meadow Foundation was now at Eide Bailly in Minneapolis.

Robertson then informed the Council that they had one vacancy on the Fair Meadow Board and that he recommended Lowell Roof for the position. Hasler made a motion to approve Lowell Roof to the Nursing Home Board. The motion was seconded by Thorson and was carried.

Upon a review of the minutes of the last Council meeting, Hasler made a motion to approve, seconded by Wise. The motion carried.

Upon review of the Treasurers Report and the Bills, Council member Hasler, seconded by Council member Wise moved that they be approved. The motion was carried.

Frohrup then gave an update on the Nature Center Road project. A meeting had been held with the County Engineer and representatives from the City, golf course, Snow Cruisers and Nature Center to go over the plans for the roadway. A plan had been worked out to satisfy the needs of all the groups. The new road would be paved as a country road with no curb and gutter, and would be 28 feet wide with 12 foot lanes and 2 foot shoulders. The work would be done in October.

The annual application of calcium chloride was discussed. The same areas would be done as every year, with the residents along those streets paying part of the cost. This year the City lot behind the drug store would also be done in addition to a one block stretch of NP Drive between Washington Ave. NW and Albert Ave. NW. These two areas would be done to cut down on the dust for events being planned for the 125th celebration.

This was followed by a discussion of spring clean up letters that were to be sent to residents, as well as letters regarding junk vehicles. There were questions as to who determines which residents would get letters and it was explained that City staff would do a tour and compile a list of those properties in need of attention.

The next item for discussion was a question on whether the City Code addresses truck parking in the City. It was determined that the Code section referring to this matter would need clarification from the City attorney. Administrator Frohrup would bring the matter to Chuck Fitzgerald for guidance.

The final item to be addressed was an appointment to the EDA. There was one position on the EDA Board and Mayor Nephew recommended the appointment of Jane Opdahl who had indicated she would be willing to serve. Hasler moved to accept the recommendation, seconded by Thorson. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Nephew, Mayor

John J. Frohrup, City Administrator