St. Ansgar City Council

November 14, 2016

Mayor David W. Tollefson convened a regular meeting of the St. Ansgar City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016 in the council chamber of the St. Ansgar City Hall. Council Persons Myrna Jorgensen, Michael Esdohr, Bonnie Eustice, Paul Groth and Rose Krahenbuhl answered roll call. Employee Lance Schutjer was present. Chris Kellerman, Mike Juhl, Angie Hansen, Daria Jorgensen, Dallas Kuper, Karen Robertson, Tim Halvorson, Bob McNutt, Steve Huebsch, and David Keith. Justin Gooder and Bill Trygstad arrived later.

01. Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Groth to approve the consent agenda which included approving of the Liquor and Sunday sales license renewal for Walter T. Enneberg Post American Legion and on roll call vote ayes five.

02. There were no citizens present wishing to present items for future agenda consideration.

03. Krahenbuhl presented a motion, seconded by Esdohr to approve the minutes of October 10, 2016 on roll call vote ayes five.

04. Esdohr presented a motion, seconded by Groth to approve payment of bills submitted for the month of November 2016 along with the additional bills of $975.00 to Bell Aerial, and $167.40 Justin Gooder mileage for a total of $1,142.40 and on roll call vote ayes five.

05. Esdohr presented a motion, seconded by Jorgensen to approve the third pay request from Farm Tile Pro for work completed on the 2016 street and utility project and on roll call vote ayes five.

06a. Police Chief Schutjer had nothing to report at this time.

06b. Water, Waste Water Operator Hillman was not present.

06c. Superintendent Gooder sent his work report by text to the City Clerk. Work report consist of servicing equipment, took down two trees, used Vac truck to suck up leaves at City Park, closed City Park restrooms draining and shutting off the water, burned tree pile at compost, dug up water shut off at old County shop to locate and shut water off for the winter, switched plow from grader to truck #17, trimmed trees on N. Park Street, took goats to market and rocked cut outs on 8th and Train Lane.

06d. Groth presented motion, seconded by Jorgensen to approve the October 2016 financial reports and on roll call vote ayes five.

07a. Council discussed changing the ordinance to state that the City will take care of the trimming of the street side of the trees and the property owner would be responsible for the trimming of the trees on the sidewalk side of the trees. Also wording will be removed from Chapter 151.02.

Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Krahenbuhl to approve sending the discussed changes to the City Attorney to make the changes to the current Chapter 151 Trees Ordinance and on roll vote ayes five.

07b. St. Ansgar Electric has replaced two street lights by the Veterans Memorial with LED lighting. The light on 4th Street has a retrofit kit installed into current fixture. The light on Highway 218 side is a complete replacement. Council is advised to look at the different lights to see which one is preferred.

07c. Mayor Tollefson shared that an opportunity was presented to him for the City to purchase the property located at 109 N. School St. to be torn down and made into additional parking. Council discussed the cost to purchase, take down, and blacktop along with the benefits of the additional parking.

Esdohr presented a motion seconded by Eustice to deny the purchase of the J&R Plumbing building at this time and on roll vote ayes five.

7d. Jorgensen presented a motion, seconded by Groth, after further research and concerns from citizens, to rescind the part of the motion made at the October 10th 2016 Council meeting charging Farm Tile-Pro for not meeting the September 30th deadline and on roll vote ayes: Eustice, Krahenbuhl, Groth, & Jorgensen, Nays: Esdohr.

7e. Concerns about ditch work to be done at the Juhl building were discussed and the Mayor stated that this work could not be done until after the street work was completed. Mike Juhl reported that he has moved the rock pile.

8a. Chris Kellerman requested to put a culvert in his drive way. It was explained that the cost of the culvert would be at the property owner’s expense. No action was taken at this time.

8b. Jorgensen presented a motion seconded by Groth to approve Resolution 2016-27 the Urban renewal Report for FY2016 and on roll vote ayes five.

8c. Eustice presented a motion seconded by Jorgensen to approve Resolution 2016-28 To Certify Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Rebate Payments for FY 18 and on roll vote ayes five.

8d. Groth presented a motion seconded by Esdohr to approve Resolution 2016-29 to Amend Pay Resolution for Level 2 Operator Certification and on roll vote ayes five..

8e. Jorgensen presented a motion seconded by Esdohr to approve Resolution 2016-30 transferring of funds and on roll vote ayes five.

8f. Chief Schutjer presented an option to the Council to hire a new employee who would work as Law Enforcement and assist the Street and Water Departments. Groth presented a motion seconded by Eustice to approve the timeline provided by Chief Schutjer for advertising for this position in February and on roll vote ayes Eustice, Esdohr and Groth, nays: Jorgensen and Krahenbuhl.

8g. Jorgensen presented a motion seconded by Eustice to approve Resolution 2016-31 Records Destruction and on roll call vote ayes: Krahenbuhl, Eustice, Groth & Jorgensen, nays: Esdohr.

8h. Esdohr presented a motion seconded by Jorgensen to deny the request for Dennis Hemann to pay for charges related to sewer backing up in his basement and on roll call vote ayes five.

8i. Groth presented a motion seconded by Krahenbuhl to approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce to place planters along 4th Street as long as they do not interfere with snow removal and on roll call vote ayes five.

8j. Jorgensen presented a motion seconded by Eustice to approve TIF Certification to the Auditor and on roll call vote ayes five.

9. Jorgensen requested the visioning project update be added to the next agenda

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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David W. Tollefson, Mayor

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Tami Woods, City Clerk