

State of Minnesota
Counties of Scott & Le Sueur
City of New Prague

} City Council Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009

Mayor Bender called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following members present: Bender, Bartusek, Betterton, Guerrette, Wilcox.

Staff Present: Mike Johnson, Dennis Seurer, Mark Vosejпка, Ken Norland, Patty Solheid and Mary Jo Hruby.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kristy Mach requested permission to hold the 14th Annual Holiday Parade of Lights on Friday, December 4th and permission to use Main Street as well as assistance from law enforcement officials to help control traffic.

It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Betterton to grant permission to the Chamber of Commerce to hold the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights on Friday, December 4th. All voted in favor of the motion.

Kristy Mach, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, reviewed the application request from the Chamber for a Premises Permit to conduct lawful gambling (pull-tabs and bar bingo) at the New Prague Golf Club. The Bingo would occur every Thursday evening beginning at 7:00 P.M. January through April.

It was moved by Betterton and seconded by Guerrette to approve Resolution #09-11-16-01 RESOLUTION APPROVING LAWFUL GAMBLING PREMISES PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW PRAGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the potential reversal of one-way traffic on 1st Street NE. At the Public Hearing on October 19, 2009, the Council conducted a first reading of the Ordinance to reverse the flow of traffic on 1st Street NE but requested that City Staff conduct further research of the traffic in the alley between Central Av. N. and 1st Ave. SE. Staff was unable to obtain traffic counts in the alley due to previously schedule traffic counts and bad weather.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Wilcox to table the reading of the Ordinance which was introduced at the October 19, 2009 meeting and conduct further traffic counts in the alley in the Spring of 2010. All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson reviewed the request to transfer on-sale intoxicating liquor, off-sale intoxicating liquor and Sunday liquor license from Simon's Sportsman's Bar, Inc. from Philip M. Simon to Evelyn T. Simon.

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It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Bartusek to call for a public hearing on December 7, 2009 on the issuance of the transfer of an on-sale intoxicating liquor, off-sale intoxicating liquor, and Sunday liquor license for Simon's Sportsman's Bar, Inc. from Philip M. Simon to Evelyn T. Simon. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Dennis Seurer informed the Council that the Utility Commission recommends the approval of the Amendment to the Power Sales Contract between Southern MN Municipal Power Agency and the City of New Prague with the extension of the power sales contract for an additional 20 years.

It was moved by Betterton and seconded by Wilcox to approve the Amendment to the Power Sales Contract between Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and the City of New Prague, Minnesota. All voted in favor of the motion.

Public Works Director Dennis Seurer reviewed the wastewater treatment plant sludge removal. As part of the new wastewater treatment plant project, the exiting sludge pond is to be drained and backfilled with dirt. Staff received a proposal from Fergus Pump Power Inc out of Fergus Falls, MN to pump and land apply the million gallons of sludge that is outside of the construction project scope of services. The estimated cost to perform this work is \$24,400. The City has the ability to assist with this project to help reduce this cost.

It was moved by Bartusek and seconded by Wilcox to approve the proposal from Fergus Power and Pump Inc. in the amount of \$24,400 and City staff to reduce this cost by assisting with the removal. All voted in favor of the motion.

Golf Club General Manager Ken Norland reviewed the proposed 2010 Budget for the Golf Club and the operating expenses and operating revenues for golf operations, maintenance and food/beverage.

Golf Board Member Tim Dittberner reviewed with the Council the private cart increase and the member discounted payment options. He stated the need to get out and market and be aggressive.

Council Member Guerrette agreed more needs to be done in the marketing of the Golf Club.

It was moved by Guerrette and seconded by Bartusek to approve the 2010 Golf Club Budget. All voted in favor of the motion.

Police Chief Mark Vosejпка informed the Council that New Prague Police Department along with the other law enforcement

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agencies in Scott County have been awarded grant money to participate in the project Operation NightCAP. The New Prague Police Department has been awarded up to \$5,225.00 for the term of the contract, October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010.

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Bartusek to approve RESOLUTION #09-11-16-02 RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION IN SUPPORT OF THE MINNESOTA STATE PATROL GRANT PROGRAMS. All voted in favor of the motion.

It was moved by Wilcox and seconded by Betterton to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes
- B. Approve claims for payment.
- C. Approve monthly financials.

All voted in favor of the motion.

City Administrator Mike Johnson asked the Council to set a final budget date. It was decided to meet on Monday, November 30th at 5:30 P.M. The Budget Public Hearing is set for December 7, 2009 at 6:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

W. A. Bender, Mayor
City of New Prague

ATTEST:

Michael J. Johnson
City Administrator