





7. General Business.

7(A) 2008 INSURANCE PACKAGE.

Jon Kuhlmann, Casualty Assurance, was present to review the city's 2008 insurance coverages. Kuhlmann reviewed each section of coverage and related premiums, noting an overall increase over 2007 of \$15,081. Dividend history information was also provided, and it was noted that the 2007 dividend is substantially higher than in 2006 (\$17,340 vs. \$9,783.)

Council discussed whether to insure the pool basin at a cost of \$1,995. This amount is included in the property premium of \$62,278; however, it may not be a necessary coverage. Kuhlmann said that because the basin is in ground, it would not be covered in many instances.

Following discussion, it was moved by Garbe, seconded by Curtiss and unanimously passed to delete the pool basin coverage from the insurance package for 2008.

7(B) LAND SALE TO POWERS - NORTH 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET.

The city recently advertised for the sale of property it owns on North 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Proposals were accepted until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. One proposal was received from John Powers at a purchase price of \$1,500.00. The proposal guaranteed the use of the property for a paved parking lot, with a non-guaranteed use of the property as a future dental office of Main Street Dental Care.

MARVIN GARBE OFFERED RESOLUTION NO. 2824, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL ESTATE, AND MOVED ITS ADOPTION. MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2824 WAS SECONDED BY KAREN NIEUWBEERTA. THOSE VOTING IN FAVOR OF MOTION: MARVIN GARBE, KAREN NIEUWBEERTA, BRYCE CURTISS, MIKE DIGGINS AND SANDRA HODGE. THOSE VOTING AGAINST MOTION: NONE. RESOLUTION PASSED 5-0.

7(C) LETTER FROM CHIPPEWA COUNTY - LIBRARY TOPICS.

The city had received correspondence from Jon Clauson, Chippewa County Auditor-Treasurer which outlined the county's position on a number of library topics. A synopsis of the topics is as follows:

- Point 1: The city does not owe an additional \$13,207 to the county for building operation costs (utilities, etc.).
- Point 2: The county intends to correct payments made from its library building capital account for operational expenses. The county stated that "the result of those corrections will provide a sufficient building reserve to accommodate repairs and improvements for the near future."
- Point 3: The county requested reimbursement for a \$3,237 payment they had made to Pioneerland on the city's behalf. (This expenditure was previously denied by council action 5/15/07.)
- Point 4: The county requested that future payments be split - pay to Pioneerland what is theirs and pay to the county their share. The county is no longer interested in acting as a pass-through agent for funds between the city and Pioneerland.

Council member Garbe stated he would like to see a breakdown of total contributions made to Pioneerland from other cities within the county and from the county itself. It was the consensus of the council that this information be obtained prior to 2009 Budget discussions.

Discussion took place regarding method of future payments, inasmuch as the city's existing agreement is with Chippewa County and the Chippewa County Library Board and Pioneerland would be billing the city directly.

Additional discussion was held on Point 3. In May of 2006, the county had requested the city contribute an additional \$3,237 in 2007, which would become part of the city's overall contribution from then on. The figure was based on 6% of the city's share of library maintenance for 2006, and would be used for physical operations such as the delivery of books, book processing, cataloging, administration, continuing education, auto costs, etc.

A concern was raised by President Hodge relative to the \$3,237 becoming “part of the city’s overall contribution from then on.” It was the consensus of the council that if this reimbursement is authorized, it be made clear that this amount would **not** become part of future contributions.

Following discussion, it was moved by Garbe, seconded by Diggins and unanimously passed to authorize a \$3,237 reimbursement to Chippewa County, with funds being taken from the Contingency Fund, with the understanding that this not become part of future contributions and that this expense is considered a payment to Chippewa County and not to Pioneerland or the county or local library.

7(D) COMMUNITY ED & REC EARLY FUNDING REQUEST.

The city manager recently met with School District Superintendent Dave Baukol to discuss the issue of Community Ed & Rec funding and a synopsis of the discussion was presented to the council in the form of a memorandum dated March 14, 2008. Possible funding options included a lump sum donation, scholarship program, funding the acquisition/upgrade of specific recreational items, and possible assistance to the school in funding and keeping open the indoor pool.

Council discussed the various alternatives, noting that the city would want to know exactly how its dollars were being used. A scholarship or voucher-type program appeared to be of greatest interest to the council. It was the consensus of the council that funding would be for the summer recreation youth only, and that an approximate \$30,000-\$35,000 be discussed further during the 2009 Budget worksessions

7(E) SYNOPSIS OF CITY MANAGER REVIEW.

At the March 3, 2008 city council meeting, the council conducted a performance review of City Manager Steve Jones. The review was done in closed session, and council is required to give a synopsis of the review at the next regular meeting. President Hodge read a prepared statement of review, noting that council had voted to give Jones a 3.5% raise for 2008. (This is similar to the percentage increase afforded to the non-union employees for 2008.)

7(F) SUNDAY ONLY APPLICATIONS - HUNT BAR & GRILL.

Matthew Sather, MKL Sather, LLC, dba/Hunt Bar & Grill, had submitted applications for two city licenses: 2008 3.2 percent malt liquor on-sale - Sunday Only and a 2008 wine - Sunday Only license.

It was moved by Garbe, seconded by Diggins and unanimously passed to approve the license applications, as presented.

7(G) SET HEARING TO ADD REED BED SITE TO WWTP FACILITY PLAN.

Property currently owned by the Montevideo Industrial Development Corporation along Town Road has been considered for a possible reed bed site in conjunction with the wastewater treatment plant upgrades. Although there is no direct requirement to add the site as an addendum to the city's facility plan, staff feels that because the location of the reed bed has public implication, a public hearing to allow public input is suggested.

It was moved by Diggins, seconded by Garbe and unanimously passed to set a public hearing for this issue on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

8. Ordinances.

8(A) ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTERS 3 & 4.

Following discussions with staff, the city attorney and the city council, revisions have been prepared to Chapters 3 and 4 of the Administrative Code.

MARVIN GARBE INTRODUCED ORDINANCE NO. 874, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 3, "PAY AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT," AND CHAPTER 4, "VEHICLE AND MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT USE AND MAINTENANCE."

9. Discussion and Miscellaneous.

- ▶ Council member Diggins stated he had been contacted by a citizen requesting that the road be paved connecting Ashmore Avenue to 24<sup>th</sup> Street. A large number of vehicles are

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using this road as a route from the north end of town to Wal-Mart, and it is in poor condition.

- ▶ City Manager Jones informed the council that staff is working on the veterans home preliminary application, which is due April 15<sup>th</sup>. The main application is due October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ▶ Council member (and EDA President) Garbe informed the council that the closing on Paulson Park I & II took place Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ City Manager Jones updated the council on the progress of hiring a new community development director. The EDA conducted interviews and an offer has been made to an individual, contingent upon the completion of a background check.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 P.M.

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Glennis A. Lauritsen, Secretary

Approved by council April 7, 2008:

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Sandra Hodge, President