



**City of Montrose
200 Center Avenue South
Montrose, Minnesota**

**City Council Meeting
March 24, 2008**

Pursuant to call and notice, the Montrose City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Charlie Nelson, Council Members, Sharon Knodel, Andrew Kauffman, Jeff Petersen and Cindy Beaton. Also present were Barb Swanson, city administrator, Brad DeWolf, city engineer and Kyle Hartnett, city attorney.

Open Forum

There were no open forum items.

Agenda

Motion by Knodel, seconded by Kauffman, to approve the agenda as amended which included the following additions: Montrose Lions Club, Montrose Youth Baseball, LMC Annual Conference, North Star Primary School, Evan Siljander; and the removal of the following item: Matt Menard resignation. Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Knodel, seconded by Kauffman, to approve the consent agenda which included the March 10, 2008 council minutes with the corrections stated and the March 24, 2008 accounts payable list.

The approval of the March 10, 2008 minutes was to exclude Evan Siljander's request under the open forum portion of the minutes.

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Montrose Lions Club

Lions Member Tammy Matthees requested that the Montrose City Council provide a contract with the Montrose Lions to guarantee ongoing use of the community center. The Montrose Lions have assisted the city with the bond payment in exchange for use of the facility. The bond will be paid in full in 2010 and the Lions would like to make sure the conditions of the use of the facility will not change. Currently the Lions use the community center each month on the first and third Mondays and for several fund raising events throughout the year at no charge. They also have a storage room within the building.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Beaton, to allow the Montrose Lions to use the storage room in the community center for an unlimited length of time and to have the city attorney draw up an agreement addressing the other ongoing uses of the facility. Carried 5-0.

Reports

Emergency Management

Table Top Work Session

This item was informational. The table top work session will be held on March 31, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Montrose Community Center.

Engineer

Safe Routes to School Grant

Justin Kannas announced that the City of Montrose was a recipient of a \$175,000.00 grant for Safe Routes to School. This grant will provide a sidewalk from Garfield Avenue South to 12 High Estates along the north side of Trunk Highway 12 and along the west side of MN25 South from Trunk Highway 12 to Rock Brook Estates.

Lloyd Johnson expressed concern about the sidewalk being located on the west side of MN25 S and requested consideration to locate the sidewalk on the east side of MN25 S.

Motion by Knodel, seconded by Kauffman, to allow the city engineer to proceed with the safe routes to school grant requirements. Carried 5-0.

Fire Department

Training

Mike Marketon and Jeff Trout attended training in New Mexico for Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings. Marketon and Trout took personal time to travel to New Mexico for the training, the cost was paid for by a grant.

Park Commission

Minutes/Update

Park & Recreation Liaison Andy Kauffman reviewed the minutes of the last meeting. The commission is looking into grants for park development. Commissioners Doreen Outly and Jim Burk have volunteered to join the Emergency Management Committee.

Youth Baseball

Montrose Youth Baseball is getting ready for spring sign up. They are also looking for help with coaching and running the program.

Public Works

ROW Registration Form fee, Resolution 2008-08

Motion by Knodel, seconded by Beaton, to approve the ROW registration form fee and adopt resolution 2008-08 amending the fee schedule. Carried 5-0.

Unfinished Business

Healthy Communities Grant Agreement

Motion by Knodel, seconded by Kauffman, to authorize Swanson to sign the Healthy Communities Grant Agreement. Carried 5-0.

Administrative Enforcement Code Compliance Officer

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Kauffman, to appoint Chuck Smallwood as the code compliance officer. Carried 5-0.

New Business

Parkview 3rd Addition preliminary plat extension

Motion by Knodel, seconded by Petersen, to extend the Parkview 3rd Addition preliminary plat 12 months from the expiration date. Carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous

The LMC Annual Conference will be held in Rochester, MN. in June.

Acknowledgements


The following acknowledgements were made:

- Mike Marketon and Jeff Trout for the time donated while at the training in New Mexico
- Mike Truax for his petition to assist with the Safe Routes to School Grant
- Montrose Waverly Chamber for their \$100.00 donation for National Night Out
- Montrose Lions Club for their continued support of the community
- Brandon Arnold for building the bird houses for his Eagle Scout Award
- Healthy Communities Committee

- Highway 12 Redevelopment Committee
- Sean Diercks for the recognition from the MPCA
- Montrose Days Committee and volunteers, including city staff, for holding the fish fry fund raiser for the 2008 Montrose Days Celebration

Adjournment

Motion by Petersen, seconded by Kauffman, to adjourn at 7:45 pm.
Carried 5-0.



Barbara C. Thwing-Swanson
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer

Charlie Nelson, Mayor