CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Spring Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Schroeder at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 168 W Main Street, Spring Grove, MN.

Present: Sarah Schroeder, Mayor

Scott Solberg, Council Member

Todd Bornholdt, Council Member

Travis Torgerson, Council Member

Karen Folstad, Council Member

Also Present: Erin Konkel, City Clerk/Treasurer

Joe Hammell, City Attorney

ADOPT AGENDA

Council Member Torgerson moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Folstad. All approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Solberg moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Bornholdt. All approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

*Commercial Rebate Policy*

City Clerk/Treasurer Konkel presented a revised Commercial Rebate Policy to the Council. Council Member Bornholdt moved to approve the revised policy. Seconded by Council Member Folstad. All approved. Motion carried.

Council Member Bornholdt moved to approve the Commercial Rebate request from Ivy Grove Cafe in the amount of $665.50. Seconded by Council Member Torgerson. All approved. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

*Houston County Environmental Services*

Rick Frank presented on behalf of Houston County Environmental Services. He discussed bulb collection. The income and expenses from 2017 were also provided to the Council.

*EDA Lot Hook Up Fees*

WHKS proposed hookup fees for EDA lot purchasers in the amount of $23,300. The proposed fees were based on the costs of water, sewer and road that were recently put in. Discussion was had but no decisions made.

*Year End Reports*

Chief Folz presented the year-end report for the Police Department and Manager Joe Kessler presented for the Corner Bar.

*Weather Warning Siren*

Chief Folz stated that the weather warning siren needed repairs totaling $2234.54. Council Member Solberg moved to approve the repairs. Seconded by Council Member Bornholdt. All approved. Motion carried.

*Parking in the Southwest Alley*

Chief Folz state that he had received complaints about parking in the southwest alley, stalls were seldom open for customers of Main Street businesses to park. The council stated that the 72 hour parking ordinance should be put into effect. Vehicles that violated the ordinance would get a warning, then a ticket.

*Bird Trail Grant Request*

Council Member Solberg stated a grant was being looked into that would provide signage connecting the bird trail to Roverud Park and Trollskogen Park. More discussion will be had when more information is received.

*Recommendation to Hire Swim Center Assistant Managers*

A recommendation was made to hire Swim Center Assistant Managers Kai Bjerke and Jena Benson. Council Member Solberg moved to approve the recommendation. Seconded by Council Member Torgerson. All approved. Motion carried.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

There will be a union meeting on February 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. The next regular council meeting will be March 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at 168 West Main St.

MEETING REPORTS

Council Member Solberg reported on the birding trail. He also stated that the new park equipment was here. Council Member Torgerson stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed zoning revisions and Red’s proposed addition. There was no report on EDA. Council Member Folstad stated that the Library hired Gabrielle Murphy as the new Library Aide.

OPEN FORUM

Resident Glen Buxengard commented on the dump station at the overnight parking at Trollskogen Park. He believed that a new dump station should be installed or work be done on the existing one. Council stated that they would have Public Works Supervisor Morken check into it. Glen also stated that there are many dogs that walk by his house to the park and a lot of feces is left behind. Council Member Solberg stated that there would soon be a Dog Poo Receptacle at the park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:34 pm by Council Member Solberg. Second by Council Member Torgerson. All approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted and

Approved on February 20, 2018

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Erin Konkel

City Clerk/Treasurer