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, May 15, 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: Lyn Solberg, Deputy Clerk

 Joe Hammell, City Attorney

 Paul Morken, Utilities Supervisor

 Layne Kockelman, Abdo, Eick, Meyers

ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Schroeder moved to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion on the bike lane on Maple Drive. Seconded by Council Member Torgerson. All approved. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

None.

2017 AUDIT

Mr. Layne Kockelman from Abdo, Eick, & Meyers was present to discuss the summary of the audit. Mr. Kockelman explained what the auditors do and what they look for during their audit. They found no compliance issues again this year. The Corner Store is operating with a profit for the fourth year in a row. Overall the City is operating efficiently and well within guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

*MN Futures Pilot Program-Resolution 18-22*

Council Member Solberg moved to sign Resolution 18-22, seconded by Mayor Schroeder. All approved. Motion carried.

*Truck Purchase*

Utilities Supervisor Paul Morken was present to explain the situation with purchasing a new truck for the maintenance department. The 2010 truck we have could have been replaced in 2014 but was not. The parks truck engine blew up and he would like to move the 2010 truck for parks use and get a new truck for the maintenance department. He is able to get the brand new truck for $19,000 and it will be on the same yearly upgrade as the other truck maintenance uses. There has been money in the budget for this upgrade for 4 years. Council Member Folstad moved to purchase the truck, seconded by Council Member Solberg. All approved. Motion Carried.

*Computer Purchase for Corner Store*

Council Member Torgerson approved the purchase of a new computer for the Corner Store. (This is not the Shopkeep program) Council Member Solberg seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

*MiEnergy Rate Review- No Rate Increase*

The city received the rate review from MiEnergy and was pleased there was no increase for this year. Utilities Supervisor Morken stated he wanted council to be aware he will need to contact MiEnergy to replace some cut-outs that are deteriorating. The sites that need them are Kwik Trip, the school and in the south east alley behind Docs-Mulqueen’s.

*Swim Center Recommendations of Additional Hiring*

Council Member Solberg approved the additional Swim Center employees. Seconded by Mayor Schroeder. All approved. Motion carried.

*Summer Recreation Recommendations*

Council Member Folstad approved the list of Summer Recreation employees. Seconded by Council Member Torgerson. All approved. Motion carried.

*Roverud Park- Dirt Work*

Council Member Solberg discussed the process with removing the weeds from the banks in Roverud Park in preparation for the Feed a Bee program.

Once the weeds were removed, the incline was too steep to plant for the Bee program. He was wondering if the bank can be sloped more or graded to accommodate the plantings so they don’t wash away. Utilities Supervisor Morken explained that the process to do that would be time consuming and suggested they plant elsewhere. Council Member Solberg explained that the grant money was used to prepare the site for planting and now they will have to prepare another site. He thought the City could help to pay if they move to a different site in Roverud Park. There was discussion on putting the pond back in where it used to be as well. Council Member Solberg moved to have the City pay for the preparation of a new work area in Roverud Park up to the amount of the grant money that was spent to prepare the previous site. Seconded by Council Member Folstad. Motion passed with Council Member Bornholdt voting nay.

*Recommendation to Appoint at Fire Department*

Mayor Schroeder moved to appoint Brett Levin to the Fire Department. Seconded by Council Member Torgerson. All approved. Motion carried.

*Rock Filter Distillery Request for Extended Hours*

Motion made by Council Member Folstad to approve the extended hours at Rock Filter Distillery. The hours will be extended until 11 pm on Friday 5/18 and Saturday 5/19 during the Syttende Mai Celebration. Seconded by Council Member Bornholdt. All approved. Motion carried.

*Information Only- Potential EDA Lot Sale to Viking Electric*

The EDA will be holding a public hearing at their next meeting before the sale of the lot to Viking Electric.

*Bike Lane-Maple Drive*

Council Member Solberg shared information about the grant of $2000 for the bike lane along Maple Drive. Lines will be painted and there will be no parking on the south side of Maple Drive from the church to the Swim Center in the months of June, July, and August. Solberg discussed getting signage to be placed along the route. He also mentioned getting the kids involved in painting the 55 gallon drums that will sit along the route. These drums will be used as reflective barriers as well as garbage cans. Reflective pipes will be ordered to be placed between the drums to help with the safety of bicyclists.

PLANNING & ZONING

*Recommendation to approve Zoning Permit for J&C Farms*

Council Member Torgerson moved to approve the zoning permit, Option #2, for J&C Farms at 503 East Main Street. He explained the Planning and Zoning committee looked over the options and this option fell within the Ordinance guidelines. Motion seconded by Council Member Solberg. All approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET

*Updated Budget Numbers through April*

No discussion.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Since two council members and the city attorney will not be present at the regularly scheduled July meeting, a new date was discussed. Council Member Folstad moved to have the July meeting on the 24th at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Mayor Schroeder. All approved. Motion carried.

MEETING REPORTS

Mayor Schroeder stated that the EDA is in the process of selling land to Viking Electric. Attorney Hammell stated a draft was sent to him from the EDA. Attorney Hammell will have the following items completed by the June meeting. 1. Purchase agreement for the Kraus Oil property, 2. A letter drafted to send to Connie Urell along with a copy of the plat showing the city owns the alley next to her property, 3. Easements portrayed for the City on property owned by JC Nerstad and the re-zoning issue for JC, 4. What to do with the fire bill assessed to taxes that changed owners.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:46 pm by Council Member Folstad. Second by Council Member Solberg. All approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted and

Approved on June 19, 2018

 Attest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Lyn Solberg

 Deputy Clerk