

City of Peterson Minutes from September 9, 2009

1) Closed Meeting 6pm – 7pm

2) Regular Council Meeting was called to Order at 7:10 pm by Mayor Lee

3) Q/A about Yellow Curb marking & drop Box Issues (tabled from last month)

Kim Chiglo & Attorney Terry Chiglo, representing Chiggy's Liquor, were present. Terry Chiglo addressed issues regarding parking at Chiggy's Liquor and while the Chiglo's had no solution to offer, Mr. Terry Chiglo indicated that they would like to find an amicable solution.

Mr. Justin Brown spoke on behalf of the U.S. Post Office staff in Peterson about the importance of maintaining easy access to the US Mail drop box.

Mr. Tom Manion, City Attorney, reviewed the legal and statutory requirements of the City regarding pedestrian crosswalks, parking and public safety.

- Motion was made by Jan Smaby and seconded by Chuck Eidenschink to approve a crosswalk diagonally across the road from South side to North side of post office and maintain a yellow line on curb 20 feet to the left of the crosswalk as required by law. This motion is contingent upon the United States Postal Service agreeing to re-locate its mail drop box to the other sidewalk in front of city property. Motion carried. Mr. Tom Manion informed the city council that yellow marking/paint on a street curb means "NO PARKING" according to the "National Traffic Standard" as defined in its manual & it is illegal to park along a yellow curb.

4) Minutes: Addition or Corrections to last month minutes – There were no changes. Motion made by Jan Smaby, seconded by Randy Benson to approve minutes as they stand. Motion Carried. The Minutes are on file in clerk's office.

5) Treasurers' Report / Bills: The Clerk/Treasurer provided hand outs to the Council and Mayor on City financials & bills due for August. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jan Smaby, seconded by Tim Hallum. Motion carried.

6) Comments or Ideas from Community Members/Guests:

A) Nothing to report.

7) Old Business:

A) Update on WHKS – Sewer Plant – Mayor Lee informed the Council that the bid process for the city's sewer plant has been delayed due to the decision by the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to review and act on first those projects that are receiving federal stimulus funds. The Mayor believes that MPCA reviews and bids should be done by the end of October, 2009. The loan agreement, the grant, and the sewer design are all done; the City is waiting MPCA approval. Jan Smaby suggested that should further delays in MPCA approval occur, the City Council/Mayor may wish to send a letter to the MPCA and state legislative officials regarding the potential increased costs the city may incur as a result of the delay.

8) New Business:

A) The Council gave preliminary review to a proposed 2010 city budget; on motion by Chuck Eidenschink and seconded by Tim Hallum, the Council approved the proposed budget which includes a 5% increase for 2010. Motion carried. The Council will return to final 2010 budget review in November/December.

B) Other Reports:

Mayor Lee stated that Pat & Linda Kelly (Wenneson B & B) would like to paint diagonal lines for parking for their customers on the street in front of their business in order to use the space more efficiently. The Council members discussed that it is the city's responsibility to designate parking spaces. Motion made by Chuck Eidenschink to have the Public Works Director tape off the white parking lines & allow the Kelly's to paint-in the lines. Motion was seconded by Jan Smaby and the Motion carried.

9) Adjourned at 8:46 pm Motion by Randy Benson and seconded by Jan Smaby. Motion carried.

** Minutes are not approved until next Council Meeting **