

CITY OF EYOTA
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2015

Members Present: Tyrel Clark, Tony Nelson, Ray Schuchard, Bryan Cornell and Kurt Holst

Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Marlis Knowlton, Clerk/Treasurer

Call to Order: Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to approve the consent agenda items 4.A through 4.C as presented. Discussion: Cornell noted the resignation of Doug McCabe from the EDA leaves an open seat; interested parties should contact the City. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

4.A. Minutes of the March 26, 2015 regular Council meeting were approved.

4.B. 2015 Farmers Market Manager, Iris Neumann salary of \$2,000 was approved.

4.C. Economic Development Authority Member Doug McCabe's resignation was approved. Term expires December 31, 2016.

REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to approve the Commission's recommendation to appoint Barry Karsjens Chair and Chad Ohl Co-Chair for 2015. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Fire Department: Nelson reported Department members will be attending the State Fire School in Rochester this weekend; there are seven going and they will be taking one of the engines for training. Members requested the MnDOT detour map be laminated for two trucks. Members also requested to be kept updated on the street project so plenty of time is available to make arrangements to move trucks. Council requested Knowlton schedule another joint meeting with the Eyota Township Board members.

Park Board: Knowlton reported the Board recommended to purchase three regular toilets for Freedom Park; estimated cost \$150 to \$200 each. Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Schuchard to approve the purchase of three toilets for Freedom Park. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

West Side Park play equipment has been repainted and reinstalled. Community Gardens work day is scheduled for April 18, rain day May 2. Park bathrooms will be open soon. Summer Rec golf activities will be in Rochester and will be part of the First Tee Program.

Clerks Report:

Eyota's West Side Connection Trail: The Department of Natural Resources will be able to fund the full 75% of the cost of the project even though the construction bid was higher than the grant application and original award. Construction is scheduled to start the beginning of May.

Rochester Energy Commission will be hosting a State of the Solar Energy Market Workshop April 16 in Rochester. Brad Boice, Public Works and Knowlton met with Tom Eckdahl from Chester Woods to discuss ground cover planting options for the recently purchased Jones property on Second Street SW; information will be provided at the next Council meeting. Knowlton is in correspondence with the railroad regarding the proposed abandonment of the spur line between 19 Street SE and Highway 14.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Dover-Eyota School District Conditional Use Permit: Request to approve a Conditional Use Permit for Dover-Eyota School District's addition on the elementary school building. The Planning Commission held a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for: Dover Eyota Ind. School District 533, Parcel 62.14.13.028617, City Lands 106-12-14, 27 Knowledge Road SW and located in AG zoning district.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend to the City Council to approve the conditional use permit for Dover Eyota Ind. School District 533 to build an addition on the elementary school with no special conditions.

Findings of Fact:

1. The application for a conditional use permit for construction of the school addition meets all requirements per the City of Eyota Zoning Ordinance #53, Section 11.10.
2. The addition is within the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance regarding: loading dock, traffic, employee parking, off-street loading and all other conditions noted in the ordinance.
3. The addition will continue to be harmonious with the neighborhood, as is the original structure.
4. There were no comments and no opposition received from the public; at the meeting or in writing.
5. Due to the nature of the size of the construction and current building and safety regulations beyond the City's zoning regulations, the Commission is confident construction regulations and safety measures will be followed without the need for additional conditions.
6. No conditions are recommended.

Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Dover Eyota Ind. School District 533 to build an addition on to the elementary school with no special conditions. Discussion: Schuchard commented the Commission did discuss the possibility city streets could be damaged by the construction traffic during a large project like this. The School can be contacted if problems arise. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Way-finding Sign Order: Request to authorize ordering the way-finding sign which is part of the SHIP Community Mini Grant. This sign will be located on the corner of Center Avenue and South Front Street. Approximate cost is \$3,000. The grant is \$10,000 and is for this sign and benches.

Council agreed with the sign details as presented, and agreed to authorize the benches be purchased also. Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Cornell to authorize the purchase of the sign and benches up to the \$10,000 grant amount. Discussion: order the sign as presented, use the largest font, similar to the West Side Park sign. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Southeastern MN League of Municipalities (SEMLM) Conference and Meeting: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Holst to authorize Marlis Knowlton attend both April 29 SEMLM meetings in Kasson and authorize Clark to attend the evening meeting; \$65 registration fees and mileage. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Accounts Payable: Motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schuchard to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$261,569.66. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.
See "Exhibit 6.D"

Any Other Business:

Mower: The City is preparing to replace a mower. One available used mower details were discussed. After debating if a new or used mower should be purchased; Schuchard and Holst were assigned to meet with Brad Boice and come back to the next meeting with a mower purchase recommendation.

City Brush Site Location: The City has been investigating a location for an Eyota brush site. It has been now verified that the previous railroad wye property west of town, south of 19 Street SE is still owned by the Dakota MN and Eastern Railroad. Motion was made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to authorize Knowlton to contact Attorney Frank McAnulty and work with him for the possible purchase of the railroad property. Amended Motion: limit the legal fees for this initial process up to \$500. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion made by Cornell and seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting. Ayes (5), Nays (0). Motion carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Tyrel Clark
Mayor



Marlis Knowlton
Clerk/Treasurer