

**CITY OF FISHER
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 10, 2017
Fisher School Library
7:00pm**

Council Members Present: Jennifer Dahlen, Laurie Anderson, Alissa Larson, Wayne Schull

Council Member Absent: Adam Wagner

City Staff Present: Amy Theis, Dean Smith, Mike Theis, Ken Robinson, Delmar Peterson, Jeff Olson

Others: Kim Durbin, Tracy Cameron

1. **Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dahlen at 7:03pm.**
2. **Additions/Corrections were made to the agenda.**
3. **Approve Minutes from June 5, 2017 meeting.**
Schull made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2017. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Fisher Forum:**
5. **Public Works:**
 - A. **Tree line between Thompson and Demers Avenues**
There are a lot of dead and downed trees in this area and people have been disposing concrete chunks in the tree line. This was directed by Council to send a letter to the property owners giving those 30 days to clean up the debris.
 - B. **Jet-Way**
This spoke with Jet-Way and they plan to be in Fisher the week of July 17th to jet and record the portion of the sanitary sewer that was not done in 2015.
6. **Fire & First Responders:**
 - A. **Ambulance Replacement**
Tracy Cameron and Mike Vasek of the First Responders were invited to attend. Mike Vasek was unable to attend. Cameron stated that they are still actively looking. They are still having maintenance issues with the current unit. They want to continue using the same style vehicle. They want to have a unit large enough to get patients out of the elements and to have all necessary equipment on the rig. Budget is \$30,000 to \$50,000. Used vehicles tend to have high mileage (over 150,000). Cameron will be in contact with Theis to complete some grant applications with Enbridge and BNSF Foundation. Cameron was asked if the option was a suburban or nothing. She was unsure of what the First Responders' response to that question would be. Schull asked about a timeline for purchasing and the Mayor responded that the First Responders will keep looking until they find the right unit.
 - B. **Cooperative effort with EGF Fire Department**
Nothing to report.
 - C. **Fire Training and Equipment Grants**
This submitted requests and received funding in the amount of \$3,200 from the MN Board of Firefighter Training and Education. This also found and applied for some grants available from the Greater Northwest EMS for EMS Training and Equipment. These are a 50/50 match of up to \$750 per agency, per project, per year.
 - D. **Emergency Center Access Control**
Wagner asked to look into this as the quote from Keith's Security World had unnecessary items. Wagner was not in attendance.

7. Police:

A. Future planning for Police services

Nothing to report.

B. Resident complaints

C. \$5,000 - \$6,000 for CAD system license

Smith and M. Theis don't think it's a necessary expense.

8. COUNCIL UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Delinquent Utilities

Theis reported there is one resident that was disconnected in June for non-payment. Service has not yet been restored to that property.

B. Bruer Abatement Request

Public Hearing with Fisher School Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Fisher School. Theis made Superintendent Hanson aware of the City's intent to offer a one (1) year tax abatement.

C. DNR Site Visit

Tim Williamson will be in Fisher on Tuesday, July 25th at 5:00 for a site visit. He would like to know what the Council wishes to talk about and he would like any available maps. Meet at the bridge.

9. COUNCIL NEW BUSINESS

A. 2016 Audit

Kim Durbin of Brady Martz presented their audit findings. Relatively unchanged.

B. 2nd Quarter Budget Report

Theis provided the Council with revenues and expenditures from January 1 thru June 30, 2017. The first half of 2017 property taxes were received in June and the first half of 2017 LGA should arrive mid-July. Revenues and disbursements appear to be on par for this point in the budget cycle. The Mayor questioned some of the Office Supply expenditures and Theis will provide her with the details of the items in question.

C. Request for summer sewer rate adjustment

Theis received an e-mail from a resident that does not like how the City is billing for sewer based on water usage citing summer watering of lawns or gardens, washing cars or houses, etc. not running through the sanitary sewer. Theis responded to the e-mail after checking how other communities that bill similarly for sanitary sewer handle this and found that some cities bill their sewer on a percentage of water used during the summer months to allow for the concerns addressed in the original e-mail. Council chose not to act on this matter at this time.

D. Recommendations to 3-5 member Planning and Zoning Committee

The NWRDC, as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan, recommends having a 3-5 member planning and zoning committee made up of interested parties. They do not need to be Council members and do not need to live within City limits. The following names were recommended for Theis to contact about serving on this committee: Nick Stromsodt, Brent Wagner, Adam Wagner, Laurie Anderson, Brian Morken, Brian Beiswinger

10. Open Discussion:

Splash Pad

Ferral Cats

11. Approve July Disbursements:

Anderson made a motion to approve the disbursements in the amount of \$34,176.93. Schull seconded the motion. Motion carried.

12. Adjourn:

Schull made a motion to adjourn. Larson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Theis
Clerk-Treasurer