

Regular Council meeting of Tuesday, May 1, 2012.

Present: Mayor Spieth, Councilmembers Koepke, Naillon, Neal, Hart and Roley.  
Absent: none.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Spieth. Pledge of Allegiance given. Copies of the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were read and approved.

No Scheduled appearances.

Request received from Gene Bouma / River Oaks RV to replace the sign that is on city property at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Kernan. Clerk reported that the previous "lease agreement" had expired years ago, that it was discovered that the required annual "donation" to the Depot Museum had not been done but a "catch up" check was being forwarded. The new sign is actually about 1 1/2' wider and higher. After discussion, council approved with the following conditions: solar "downlighting" would be allowed; continuation of the annual donation to the Depot Museum; border around "landscape" area should be brick or concrete curb instead of wood; and that the sign be built to city standards and the necessary permits, etc. be obtained.

Clerk reported on a large elm tree on private property that is causing damage to a sewer line that serves 3 residences. The line was installed many years ago and there is apparently no easement. The tree roots have also raised the adjacent fence. The city needs to perform maintenance on the line every couple of weeks or so. The City Supt.