

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 17th 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 12th 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, according to Supt. Noel. After discussion, it was agreed that the city would request the property owner to remove the tree.

Clerk stated that Kristin Sarmiento had submitted her renewal Concession Stand Lease, same conditions as last year and that the certificate of insurance should be received any day. Her intentions are to be open for the three day Canadian holiday weekend May 19th. Motion by Naillon and seconded by Koepke the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the renewal. Motion carried.

Discussion on high school "senior projects" included maintenance concerns; those projects with higher liability exposures; funding of the projects and whether or not the city should help with funding; and project quality. Committee to consider drafting a list of the types of projects the city would like to be considered, along with a project / criteria form to be created.

Motion by Neal and seconded by Koepke the vouchers #13229-13263, \$59,808.64 Be paid, the April 30th payroll of \$71,094.19, #13169-13228 be approved and that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes approved _____

Mayor

Clerk