

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF EAST GULL LAKE, COUNTY OF CASS, STATE OF MINNESOTA
REGULAR SESSION
September 1, 2015
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kavanaugh called the September 1, 2015 regular Council meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Kavanaugh, Councilors Lang, Ruttger, Demgen and Hoffman, SEH Engineer Jeff Ledin, City Administrator Mason, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Buxton, Wastewater Superintendent Jasmer, Administrative Assistant Schack

Absent: None

Audience: Eric Peterson (Cragun's), Ken & Janelle Riley, Jerry Stromberg, Abbey Pieper (Madden's), Ruth Nelson, John Simons

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4a. Additions: 6b. John Simons – Open Forum

4b. Deletions: None

M/S/P, all ayes, Demgen, Hoffman, to approve the agenda as presented

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

M/S/P, all ayes, Councilors Demgen, Ruttger; to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

5a. August 4, 2015 City Council Meeting Minutes

5b. Financial Report

- July, 2015 bank statement
- Monthly Budget Report, Trial Balance, Delinquent WW Customers Report

5c. Approved August, 2015 claims 18776 to 18815 for total amount of \$669221.03

- August, 2015 Check Register

OPEN FORUM**

6a. Ruth Nelson – Fall City Newsletter

- Newsletter Digital only – Starting Spring 2016
- Nixle Alert, Cass County
- After the 2015 Storm article – Mayor Kavanaugh & Rob Mason/Kathy Schack
- Joe Janson Commendation
- 2015 Sewer Extension Project (Legacy and CR 70 Area)
- First Responder Work/ Pillager Fire work during the storm
- Budget Information
- Emergency communication/storm related expenses

6b. John Simons

Mr. Simons brought in a framed plat map of East Gull Lake from 1927 and donated it to the City.

PLANNING & ZONING

Chair Buxton addressed the Council regarding the last Planning meeting. He noted that if there are additional meetings needed due to the storm damage, the Commission is willing to meet the needs of the residents.

7a. Variance – 2015-36; Ken & Jan Riley

Chair Buxton reviewed the specifics regarding the Riley Variance. It was noted that when all the changes were made in the plan there is only a 45 square feet increase in impervious coverage. He stated that the Commission moved to recommend approval of the Variance to the Council. There was discussion regarding topography and it was noted that there is not a problem with run-off toward the lake.

M/S/P, all ayes, Councilors Demgen, Lang to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission for Variance 2015-36 for Ken and Jan Riley based on the findings and conditions proposed by City Staff.

7b. Dallas Humphrey property issue

Chair Buxton reviewed the work done on the Humphrey property within the shoreline protection area. He noted that the Commission decided to allow the Humphreys continue to restore the shoreline according to the plan that was submitted to the Planning Commission as long as there is silt fence kept in place. It was noted that staff will continue to track the progress of the project. It was also noted that he will be required to pay a permit fee determined at a future date by the Planning Commission.

WASTEWATER & ROAD REPORT

8b. Storm Damage Cleanup Progress

Administrator Mason reviewed the progress of the storm damage clean-up.

- There were a number of compliments from residents regarding the work done by the companies hired by the City to do the work.
- The work is now concentrating on the “leaner’s and hanger’s” and should be completed in a couple days
- The dump site will need to be closed for grinding and will be permanently closed on November 1, 2015.
- The expense costs spreadsheet was reviewed.
- There are portions of the costs that will be submitted to the insurance company with the remaining amount submitted for the 75% state aid. There is a meeting tomorrow morning with homeland security for information regarding submission of the expenses.
- Cass County will be paying some of the fees for grinding.

8b. 2015 Sewer Extension Project (Legacy and CR 70 Area)

Mayor Kavanaugh discussed the meeting that was held prior to the Council meeting tonight. He noted that the Cragun’s is willing to pay \$128,711.58 of the project cost per bid over 20 years with the percent for payback 2% rather than the 3% currently being charged. The City would then need to provide the \$2,100 cost of the project associated with the two personal properties that are not going through with the project. Erick Peterson addressed the proposal with the Council. It was noted that the Wastewater Committee recommended accepting the offer from Cragun’s. It was also noted that Cragun’s will be responsible for any extra cost from the contractor.

M/S/P, all ayes, Councilors Hoffman, Demgen to approve the [2015 Sewer Extension Project (Legacy and CR 70 Area)] project at 2% interest with Cragun’s and the cost to the City not to exceed \$2100.00.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Report

PARK & TRAILS

Mayor Kavanaugh noted that Anderson Brothers sent a bid to remove 11 stumps by the trail and repair the pavement for \$14,000.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE

No Report

MAYOR’S REPORT

No Report

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

14a. Resolution 09:01-15 – Gambling Permit: Raffle at Cragun’s Resort on September 9, 2015 for Confidence Learning Center

Ayes, Councilors Demgen, Ruttger, Lang, Hoffmann, Mayor Kavanaugh, approval to adopt Resolution 09:01-15 – Raffle at Cragun’s Resort on September 9, 2015 for Confidence Learning Center.

14b. Resolution 09:02-15 – Gambling Permit: Raffle at Madden’s Resort on September 14, 2015 for LeadingAge Minnesota Foundation

Ayes, Councilors Lang, Hoffmann, Demgen, Ruttger, Mayor Kavanaugh, approval to adopt Resolution 09:02-15 – Raffle at Madden’s Resort on September 14, 2015 for LeadingAge Minnesota Foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

16a. 2016 Budget was discussed. Preliminary 2016 Levy was passed:

- General Fund \$148,000.00
- 2015 Storm Damage Expenses \$75,000.00
- Public Safety \$41,300.00
- Roads, Streets, & Highways \$96,000.00
- GO Bond 2015 Refinancing (2007 & 2008 Road & Sewer Improvements) \$92,600.00
- GO Bond 2011 Road Improvements \$24,000.00
- GO Bond 2013 Road Improvements \$52,500.00
- Parks & Recreation \$10,000.00
- Planning & Zoning \$64,000.00
- WW Plant Expansion \$67,607.00
- Total Certified Proposed Levy \$671,007.00**

M/S/P, all ayes, Councilors Demgen, Ruttger to approve the 2016 Proposed Levy.

16b. Mayor Kavanaugh discussed the trail fence by the golf course. It was noted that bids have been submitted for the reconstruction of the fence.

M/S/P, Councilor Hoffman abstained, ayes, Councilors Lang, Demgen to approve expenditure for reconstruction of the trail fence by Madden’s golf course at a not to exceed amount of \$17,000.00.

NEXT REGULAR SESSIONS OF CITY COUNCIL/OTHER MEETINGS

Planning and Zoning Meeting Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 6:30pm
City Council Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30pm
Wastewater & Road Committee Meeting..... Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 3:00pm
Budget Committee Meeting..... Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 3:00pm

M/S/P, all ayes, Demgen, Lang, to adjourn the meeting

Transcribed by East Gull Lake Administrative Assistant
Kathy Schack

These minutes are paraphrased and are not written word for word.

***CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** are considered to be routine and noncontroversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion for decision of these items unless a Councilmember, staff member, or citizen so requests due to a speculative controversy, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered under the regular agenda.

****OPEN FORUM** allows the public to speak to the Council regarding issues that are not on the agenda.