

City of Minburn
City Council Meeting
April 12, 2010

The Minburn City Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Pace, Council Members: David Baccus, Jordan Lint, Donald Peel, and Phyllis Moss. Lucas Asche was absent. Attorney Beverly Wild was also present.

Agenda: Motion Baccus, second Moss to approve agenda with amendment of moving Fire Department report before Minburn Community Betterment Group report. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion Baccus, second Moss to approve Minutes of March 8, 2010 meeting.

Bills: Motion Baccus, second Moss to approve payment of bills as presented

A Public Hearing on the Amended Budget was scheduled for May 10, 2010 at 7:15 p.m.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Jim West stated the structure of the fire station would not support a peaked roof. Discussion on other ways to change the roof design.

Skating Rink: Megan Cline reported the Minburn Community Betterment Group would no longer be running the skating/concession stand and the city would need to find volunteers to do it. Requests for volunteers will be put in flyers, the newsletter and the Pinhook Page.

Discussion on who would be responsible for planting and maintaining the flower barrels around the business district and Meek Park.

Depot - Disadvantaged Business Enterprises: Attorney Wild reported the city needs to clarify in their letter to the IDOT that our consultant will try to hire businesses owned by minorities and/or women for the Depot project. Motion Lint, second Baccus to set a goal of 5% for the subcontractors who qualify as DBE businesses. All Ayes, Motion carried.

The appraisal for the donated land came back at \$41,000. Attorney Wild will contact the County assessor to review the appraisal and also will let Jim Anderson know the outcome. The donated land will be included as part of the city's obligation of 20% of the total project cost subject to DOT's approval.

Building Permit: Motion Baccus, second Moss to approve a building permit to build a deck at 305 Chestnut Street. All Ayes, Motion carried.

Library: Librarian Dawn Byers reported that more than 50 kids participated in the Easter Egg Hunt and several of them also participated in the Easter reading program. The library is currently doing another fundraiser towards the purchase of new shelves. Use of the library has increased since last year. Most of the use is for movies, books and the computers.

Cemetery: Harold Hill, owner of Hill's Tree Farm offered to donate up to 25 evergreen trees to be planted at the cemetery. He would like to start with planting trees around the north and west side of cemetery for a windbreak. He will transplant the trees at no cost to the city. Motion Moss, second Lint to authorize Harold Hill to plant trees at the cemetery. Mitch Johnson will help Hill as necessary and Phyllis Moss will direct placement.

Streets. Discussed the costs of dust control on some of the streets in town. It was decided the city could not afford to do it this year. Baccus reported the streets are in terrible shape this year due to the harsh winter. Discussed that seal coating is not the most effective way to repair the streets but all that the city can afford a this time.

Parks: The deterioration of the retaining wall around the jungle gym at Rogers Park was discussed. Motion Peel, second Baccus for Mitch Johnson to remove the railroad ties and jungle gym and fill in the area with dirt. It will be determined later this year what other improvements will be made to the play area. All Ayes, Motion carried. Don Peel will contact Stacey Freestone about ordering new drinking fountain spigots.

Three bids for rental of Portajohns were discussed and compared and it was decided to order two units from Jim's Johns for the Independence Day celebration weekend.

Water: First reading of Ordinance 2010 - 01 to increase the water rate for the first 2200 gallons to \$26.35 and usage over that to \$1.20 per 100 gallons used. These rates will go into effect no sooner than July 1, 2010. Motion Lint, second Peel to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2010-01. Roll call vote: Baccus Aye, Lint Aye, Moss Aye, Peel Aye, Asche absent. Motion carried.

Sewer: First reading of Ordinance 2010 - 02 to increase the sewer rental fees, corrected to read as \$12 a month for storm sewer rental; sanitary sewer rental at a base of \$11.86 for the first 2200 gallons of water used plus \$0.54 per 100 gallons of water used. These rates will go into effect no sooner than July 1, 2010. Motion Lint, second Moss to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2010-02. Roll call vote: Baccus Aye, Lint Aye, Moss Aye, Peel Aye, Asche absent. Motion carried.

The property to be purchased for the lagoon expansion has been appraised so Mayor Pace can now begin negotiations with the property owner. Discussion of possibly applying for other grant money was held. Frustration was expressed about the lack of funding other than loans for the lagoon project – the attorney was directed to contact IDNR re whether an extension of deadline might be possible and other matters.

Public Works: The light fixture on the welcome sign needs replaced. Two trees in Rogers Park need to be removed.

City Hall: The issue of life insurance policies for employees was tabled until after further information can be obtained about other health insurance policies.

Adjournment: Motion Baccus, second Peel to adjourn. All Ayes, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Mayor

ATTEST: Susan Fitch, City Clerk