

MILFORD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 28, 2016  
6:30 PM

The Milford City Council met in regular session March 28, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center Board Room  
Mayor Pro Tem John Walters presided.

Members present: Jason Simpson, Don Olsen, Mary Kay Rolling, John Walters, and Bill Huse.

Absent: Mayor Reinsbach

Others present: LeAnn Houge-City Administrator/Clerk

John Walters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Simpson second by Rolling to approve the agenda. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters, and Huse.  
Motion carried.

Motion by Olsen second by Rolling to approve consent agenda. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters, and Huse.  
Motion carried.

Items on the Consent Agenda were as follows:

- Minutes March 14, 2016 regular meeting
- Liquor license renewal for Sunshine Foods

### **ACTIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Lakes Area Dog Park**

Amy Pas spoke on behalf of the Lakes Area Dog Park. They are leasing six acres of land from the Okoboji Methodist Camp and looking for initial funding to build a fence, driveway and parking area. Future enhancements and improvements will be added later as funding is available to include trees and watering stations. Motion by Walters, second by Olsen to approve \$200.00 in the funding for the Lakes Area Dog Park for FY2016-2017. Olsen later rescinded his second and at the end died for a lack of a second. A motion was then made by Simpson, second by Olsen to donate \$500.00 towards the Lakes Area Dog Park. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Nay: None motion passed.

#### **2006 Chevy C8500 snow plow wing replacement**

Motion by Rolling second by Olsen to replace wing on snow plow by Crysteel Truck Equipment out of Lake Crystal, MN. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Nay: None motion passed

#### **Koth property demolition**

Based on the recommendation of the Building and Equipment Committee there was a motion by Rolling and a second by Huse to hire Wedeking Excavating and Trucking to tear down building located at 1212 Okoboji Avenue. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Nay: None motion passed.

#### **Clean up days**

Council discussed cleanup days and decided to do the same things as last year and eliminate the \$5.00 tagged item fee. Motion by Simpson, second by Huse to set clean up days for May 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 24<sup>th</sup>. Aye: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Nay: None motion passed

#### **Exterior lighting on Community Building**

Administrator Houge talked to the Council about replacing the exterior lights by the entrance doors on the Community Building. About half of the globes are damaged or missing and you can't buy replacements. Last week the utilities installed a set of LED lights outside Milford Municipal Utilities door. Houge commented the lights have more of a contemporary look however at night they provide better lighting. Motion by Huse, second by Olsen to replace the remaining lights on the building. Ayes: Simpson, Olsen, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Nay: None motion passed.

#### **Discuss billing rates for garbage**

The current rate for residential garbage is \$8.00 and residents pay for blue bags which are \$18.00 a roll or .60 cents apiece. To cover landfill cost, recycling and a cart fee of \$9.20 provided from Waste Management the recommended rate increase would go to \$14.00. Councilmen Olsen felt the rate increase was too much and also questioned if the revenue would be going to the general fund or a separate garbage fund. Administrator Houge said right now any expense and revenues go through 670 garbage utility fund and it would not change. Houge reminded the Council the reason to get out of the garbage business was because picking up commercial garbage was not cost effective and the sale of the blue bags was offsetting the yearly contract fee for recycling and that when the city solicited bids the bidder in this case Waste Management will assume all responsibility for billing commercial establishments and the city will continue to bill out for residential on the utility bills. Also if the city continued to stay in the garbage business we would have to hire another full time person. Councilman Simpson commented since commercial businesses are contributing in our recyclable bins will Waste Management be charging for recycling. Houge commented when the bids were submitted during the February 22, 2016 meeting that detail was not provided and the recycling contract that expires in May, 2018 is geared towards residential curbside pick-up. After further discussion motion by Huse, second by Walters to increase the residential rate to \$14.00 and subject to a flat 3% increase for 5 years or life of the contract with Waste Management. Aye: Simpson, Rolling, Walters and Huse. Nay: Olsen, motion carried. Houge mentioned to the Council that Carrie Funk (Deputy City Clerk) will be meeting with Waste Management on Thursday to address the curbside collection of white goods, setting residential garbage collection date and how we move forward informing residents and commercial businesses of the upcoming changes.

**COMMENTS BY MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF**

With no other discussion, motion to adjourn by Simpson second by Huse at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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John Walters, Mayor ProTem

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LeAnn Houge, City Administrator/Clerk