

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Canby, Minnesota was held on March 6th, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

Members: Gene Bies, Gene Eilers, Denise Hanson, Nancy Bormann

Absent: Rick Bueltel

Visitors: Nicholas Johnson, City Administrator
Gerald Boulton, City Attorney
Jody Olson
Ellie Beman, Canby News

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes of February 21st, 2012 were reviewed. A motion was made by Eilers and seconded by Bormann to approve the minutes. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council received a request from the Canby Housing and Redevelopment Authority to vacate an alley located between 312 Haarfarger Avenue South and 402 Haarfarger Avenue South. The HRA is working with an individual to redevelop the property. A public hearing on the alley vacation is scheduled for April 3rd, 2012 at a time to be determined by the City Administrator.

The Council heard a recommendation from the Planning Commission regarding a sign installation by the Canby Inn & Suites. The sign would extend 18” out from the outer wall facing Highway 68 and be 52” in height. A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Eilers to approve the sign request. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council discussed the LED lighting project. Two test lights were installed at the corners where Subway and True Value. The test light at Subway is an 80 watt LED and the test light at True Value is a 130 watt LED. The Council discussed decorative styles: similar to Minneota, a coach lantern light, and a ring of fire type of light. A motion was made by Bormann and seconded by Hanson to approve choosing the 80 watt LED light for the cobra heads and the ring of fire style for the decorative style lights bids from Vlaminck, with moving forward with the project contingent upon successful award of assistance. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The vendor transactions for February 2012 in the amount of \$206,779.54 were reviewed. A motion was made by Eilers and seconded by Bormann to approve the transactions. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

The Council discussed League of Minnesota Cities training opportunities and Council member participation at the seminars. Council members will coordinate with Nicholas Johnson when they wish to attend.

Gene Eilers discussed the progress on the water meter system. Gene Eilers met with Jeff Pederson, city water superintendent, and discussed with the city engineer their thoughts and concerns on the specifications.

Nicholas Johnson will be attending Minnesota Senator Gary Kubly's funeral in Granite Falls on Wednesday the 7th of March to show support for his family from the City.

The flow monitoring report is scheduled to be discussed at the next Council meeting.

There is still a vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Those interested should contact a Council member or the City Administrator.

Nicholas Johnson discussed the recommendation by the Police Chief regarding traffic on Sixth Street West. Approximately six months ago the Council heard complaint of traffic speeding down Sixth Street West. The Council concluded the police would monitor the area and make recommendation for a solution. The recommendation is to install yield signs at Sixth Street West and Poplar Avenue North. A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Bormann to approve having yield signs installed on 6th and Poplar going east and west. Gene Bies, Denise Hanson, and Nancy Bormann voted in favor. Gene Eilers voted against. The motion was carried.

Gene Bies mentioned a company going around attempting to sell water/sewer line insurance to residents in town. He cautioned residents to be wary of possible scams.

A motion was made by Eilers and seconded by Hanson to adjourn to a closed session for contract negotiations. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Bormann and seconded by Hanson to reopen. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Hanson and seconded by Eilers to approve the contract between LELS and the City of Canby. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Eilers and seconded by Bormann to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor. None voted against. The motion was carried.

Attest:

Mayor

City Administrator