

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2009

The City Council of Medina, Minnesota met in special session on October 20, 2009 at 6:04 p.m. in the Medina City Hall.

I. Call to Order

Members present: Johnson, Weir, Siitari, Crosby (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)

Members absent: Smith

Also present: City Administrator Chad M. Adams, Public Works Superintendent Steve Scherer, and Assistant to City Administrator Jodi Gallup.

II. AFLAC Rates

Gallup provided an overview of the AFLAC supplemental benefits and employee rates.

Adams explained the benefit would be provided to employees at their cost and the City's cost would be limited to general administration and payroll deductions.

The Council directed staff to prepare any contracts/plan documents for approval acknowledging that the benefit should be provided to employees as an option, not an endorsement.

III. Hamel Field House Operations

Adams provided an overview of the staff memo in the packet outlining the City's position on the operations for the Field House.

Discussion was held on ensuring that all equipment used in the building is also approved by the Hennepin County Health Department.

The Council agreed to the operational principles outlined in the staff memo and directed staff to proceed with agreement discussions with the Hamel Lions and Hamel Athletic Association.

IV. 2009 Work Plan

Adams provided an overview of the staff memo which outlined certain goals that will be delayed and others listed as continuing or high priority projects.

Discussion was held on continuing the business tours as a valuable economic development outreach method. No other changes were recommended by Council for the 2009 amended work plan.

Discussion was held on options for Fire Marshal services. Adams stated the City could prepare an RFP for services, continue with Metro West Inspections, or defer such

services to each individual Fire Chief in their jurisdiction. Adams explained Metro West Inspections currently serves as Fire Marshal and provides no fee for annual commercial building inspections or plan reviews for City projects. Adams stated such services are wrapped into building inspection rates, which are amongst the lowest in the Metro area. Adams added building inspection revenues have been strong in past years due to Medina's growth and market values. Adams stated Staff has met with Metro West Inspections to discuss and reach a better consensus on methods for implementing low impact development principles, including driveway and fire lane standards in urban and rural areas of the City. Adams stated such LID principles would be utilized where State Fire Code allows discretion.

Adams stated Staff's recommendation is to continue with Metro West Inspections for Fire Marshal services for 2010. Staff recommended continuing to encourage the Loretto and Hamel Fire Departments to allow member training/certification to serve as a potential future Medina Fire Marshal through their merger process. A trained/certified Fire Marshal from a fire department could serve Medina initially for commercial building inspections, and possibly plan review later.

The Council agreed to provide no changes to the Fire Marshal Services for 2010, but would consider a revised agreement since the last agreement has not been revisited for several years.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

T.M. Crosby, Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Chad M. Adams, City Administrator-Clerk