

Summary Minutes - Public Hearing - June 11, 2018 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met for a public hearing in regard to a variance request from Harvey VanRuler on June 11, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Gregg Harberts, Bruce Boltjes, Carol Hieronimus, Mark Schutte and Shirley Vis. City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes. Guests: Harvey VanRuler, Beverly Engelkes

Mayor Gregg Harberts brought the public hearing to order at 7:00 P.M. Harvey VanRuler has requested to vary from the required six foot separation distance from his property line for the addition of a third stall to his garage at 114 Johnsen Road. The addition will be 30 feet X 14 feet and when completed will be closer than six feet from his south lot line. Mr. VanRuler shared that he had spoken to his adjoining neighbors and he had not heard any objections from them. Beverly Engelkes, the neighbor to the south, was in attendance at the hearing. Mayor Harberts asked Beverly if she had any objection to the addition to the garage. Beverly shared that Harvey had showed her where the addition will be and she does not have an objection. Clerk Gruis stated that she had not received any phone calls or correspondence regarding the variance request. A motion was made to grant the variance request to build closer than 6 feet from his south lot line from Mr. VanRuler. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was then held regarding the land use permit to build the 30 ft X 14 ft garage addition at 114 Johnsen Road. A motion was made to grant to Harvey VanRuler the land use permit. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. Mayor Harberts closed the public hearing at 7:12 P.M.

Summary Minutes Regular Meeting - June 11, 2018

The City Council of the City of Rushmore met in regular session on June 11, 2018 in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor Gregg Harberts called the regular meeting to order at 7:12 P.M.

Roll call indicated the following members present: Gregg Harberts, Bruce Boltjes, Carol Hieronimus, Mark Schutte and Shirley Vis. City Staff Members Present: City Clerk Coleen Gruis, Maintenance - Jason Harberts and Larry Lupkes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2018 regular City Council meeting as presented. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. Council was given an updated list of accounts payable. A motion was made to pass the following resolution: Mayor Harberts and Clerk Gruis are instructed to make payment of all regular accounts payable. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. A motion was made to approve the May 2018 Pledged Securities with First State Bank Southwest. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

Staff presented a land use application from Dustin Larson at 202 3rd Street. Mr. Larson wants to move in a used 24' by 24' garage and attach it to his existing garage, he would then side the garage to match his house. A motion was made to approve Dustin Larson's land use application with the requirement that the garage is attached to the house and the garage addition be sided to match the house. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried. Staff presented a land use application from Jason Childers at 409 N. Drake Avenue. Mr. Childers would like to move in a new 16' by 12' utility shed to his backyard. A motion was made to approve Mr. Childers land use application. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

The application for a \$2,000.00 mini grant from Lyon County Riverboat Foundation is eligible for funding. Someone from the City of Rushmore must attend the ceremony that will be held at Grand Falls Casino on June 18th at 7:00 p.m. A lottery held that night would then determine the winners. Mayor Harberts agreed to attend the ceremony.

Council and staff discussed the email from City Attorney Larry Lucht regarding potential conflict of interest if the City offers to sell property to Brett and Taylor Boltjes. City Attorney Lucht wrote that the family relationship with Councilmember Boltjes would not have a disqualifying effect on a contract with Brett and Taylor Boltjes. He advised that Councilmember Boltjes not vote or participate in any further proceedings regarding the sale.

Brett Boltjes met with Council to discuss purchasing 104 S. Thompson Avenue from the City of Rushmore. Brett shared that he and Taylor Boltjes are exploring building a 16' X 70' storage facility. When the first building is full they plan to add a second 16' X 70' storage facility. They are interested in purchasing Parcel 29-0004-000 on Thompson Avenue from the City of Rushmore to build the storage facility. They hope to build the storage facility in the fall of 2018 or spring of 2019. Council looked at a sample purchase agreement with a purchase price of \$1.00 (one dollar) with the provision that a storage facility is built within 2 years of purchase. If the project were not completed within two years, the property would revert to the City for the original purchase price of \$1.00 (one dollar). Council asked staff to get City Attorney Larry Lucht to finalize the purchase agreement. A motion was made to pass the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of City Property Not Needed For Public Use for parcel 29-0004-000. Seconded, Councilmember Boltjes abstained from voting, all other Councilmembers voted in favor, motion carried. The approved purchase agreement will be offered to Brett and Taylor Boltjes at the July Council meeting.

Maintenance Report

1. Minnesota Dept of Health 2017 Consumer Confidence Water Report for the City of Rushmore has been published. Staff noted that there are no water quality issues in the report. The report is posted and is available to anyone at City Hall.
2. Contracting propane for the 2018-2019 winter season was discussed. Council would like to wait for a lower cost before contracting.
3. The Nobles Cooperative Electric feed from the north was discussed. The north wire is older and the City would like to ask NCE to upgrade the line to make it less vulnerable to storm damage. Council asked staff to contact NCE.
4. Calcium chloride will be custom applied to City gravel streets in July. Council asked Larry to get the streets shaped before the calcium chloride is applied.

Clerk Gruis has been in touch with ImmenseImpact regarding developing the website for the City of Rushmore. They suggested that the City purchase a domain name from GoDaddy.com. Consensus of Council was to purchase rushmoremn.com from GoDaddy.com.

Discussion was held about adding a substantial fee for variance requests. Adopting a new fee schedule at the July council meeting can do this.

Updates from the Car Show and Shine regarding, insurance coverage, vendors and a request for the City to help them get street barriers was discussed. The Show and Shine is scheduled for July 14th.

A motion was made to pass the resolution accepting the \$825.96 donation from the Worthington Optimist Club for lime used on the Rushmore ball diamonds. Seconded, all members voted in favor, motion carried.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor - Gregg Harberts

Clerk - Coleen Gruis