

**SAUK CENTRE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Sauk Centre City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers pursuant to due notice being given thereof. Present were Mayor Brad Kirckof, Council Members Dave Thomas, Keith Johnson, Warren Stone and Al Coenen. Also present were City Administrator Vicki Willer, City Planner Sarah Morton, Police Chief Bryon Friedrichs, Public Works Director Butch Wessel, City Engineer Keith Yapp of Bonestroo and Administrative Assistant Nicki Vogt. Mayor Kirckof presided thereat.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Stone and was seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve the agenda as presented. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Stone, Thomas, Johnson, Coenen and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 18, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes and August 25, 2010 Special Workshop Session Minutes were approved as presented.

4. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

None.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

6. REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Mayor Kirckof stated that the Hospital Review Committee reviewed the following 5 options:

- No change
- Nonprofit with current players
- Nonprofit with large player
- Sale of business-retain real estate
- Outright sale

He then stated that after much discussion about the potential of creating a partnership with a large player the Committee feels that based on the current patient trends, referrals and outreach partnerships already created with Centracare Health Systems that Centracare would be the best partner. Centracare Health Systems has centered their business on the following 5 core values: Patient Centered, Integrity, Collaboration, Compassion and Stewardship.

Centracare currently employs 6,200 people, has 3 hospitals, 4 long term care facilities with senior housing, Centracare Health Plaza, Centracare Health Foundation, Centracare

Outpatient Surgery Center, 9 Centracare clinics in 6 communities with 202 physicians. Centracare has dialysis programs in 9 communities, laboratory services & pharmacies, Alexandria Radiation oncology, lifelink III and joint ventures in Big Lake, Monticello Brainerd and Little Falls.

Some of the benefits with integrating with Centracare include: quality improvement resources, common electronic medical records, integration of finance, HR, IS, lab and some ancillary services. Recruitment, strategic planning, marketing, contracting and Centracare Health Foundation Support are all valuable resources that Centracare will bring to the table.

It was noted that Lakeview Medical Clinic submitted a letter in support of the decision.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. See 6a above.

A motion was made by Council Member Stone and was seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve St. Michael's Hospital & Nursing Home to enter into a due diligence discussion with Centracare and sign a Confidentiality/Exclusivity Agreement with Centracare. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Stone, Thomas, Johnson, Coenen and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

A recommendation will be presented to the Council within 12-18 months.

- b. The City Council met on August 25th in a workshop session to review the 2011 proposed revenue and expense budgets for the City. The revised expense budget represents an overall expense budget decrease for the City of \$255,391.58 from the 2010 expense budget. Total expense budget for all funds including capital expenditures and debt service is \$4,569,891.19.

The revenue budget totals \$4,854,832.28 and indicates a levy of \$1,504,142.00 which is the same for 2010. The levy is within the levy limit requirement which is now in effect for all cities over 2,500 population. LGA is projected at the dollar amount actually expected to be received in 2010 after unallocation.

The City Council has held a flat levy for the past 7 years.

Council Member Johnson introduced Resolution No. 2010-45, Resolution Adopting Preliminary 2011 Expense and Revenue Budgets for the City of Sauk Centre. The motion was seconded by Council Member Thomas. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Johnson, Thomas, Stone, Coenen and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

- c. The 2010 Property Tax Levy, Collectible in 2011 is as follows:

General Fund Levy	\$887,003.00
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Special Revenue Levy	\$158,950.00
Debt Service Levy	\$458,189.00
TOTAL LEVY	\$1,504,142.00

Council Member Coenen introduced Resolution No. 2010-45 Adopting Preliminary 2010 Property Tax Levy, Collectible in 2011. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stone. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Coenen, Stone, Johnson, Thomas and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

- d. In past years the City was required to hold a Truth in Taxation meeting to allow opportunity for the public to ask questions and voice concerns about the City budget and levy.

New law effective for 2010 have changed the requirements that the City must comply with.

The City no longer has to have a separate meeting to consider the budget and levy. It can be done at a regular meeting as long as notice is given that they will be discussing the budget and that people will be given the opportunity to be heard. Advertising requirements have also changed.

The Council was presented with Resolution No. 2010-46 scheduling December 1, 2010 as the date the Council will publicly discuss the budget and allow the public to be heard.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson and was seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve Resolution No. 2010-46, Resolution Setting Public Meeting. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Johnson, Thomas, Stone, Coenen and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

- e. The Council was presented with Resolution No. 2010-47, Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on proposed Assessments for Unpaid City and Utility Service Charges. The total amount in unpaid services is \$5,307.00.

A motion was made by Council Member Stone and was seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve Resolution No. 2010-47, Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing on proposed Assessments for Unpaid City and Utility Service Charges. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Stone, Thomas, Johnson, Coenen and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

- f. The Sauk Centre Youth Hockey Association has secured new boards for the Arena. The board were purchased from St. Louis Blues and are one year old.

The old boards at the arena are no longer needed by the City and should be declared as excess property and authorized for sale. The City can either advertise for them to be sold to the highest bidder through Surplus Services or they can be sold by direct negotiation with another governmental agency.

Council Member Coenen introduced Resolution No. 2010-49, Resolution Declaring Property as Excess and Authorizing Advertisement for Sale. The motion was seconded by Council Member Stone. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Coenen, Stone, Thomas, Johnson and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

The Council then considered the following consent agenda:

- a. Schedule of Claims – Total of unpaid claims \$74,202.29 and paid claims \$3,948.18 for a Total of \$78,150.47.
- b. Resolution No. 2010-48, Resolution Accepting Contributions. The contribution of 18 tons of salt valued at \$1,400 from Culligan, Inc. is to be used for the Street Department.
- c. Requests from Tina Rohde DBA Mustang Bar for a temporary extension of premise permit for a Customer Appreciation on Friday, September 10th and Saturday, September 11th from 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.
- d. Request from Tina Rohde DBA Mustang Bar and Eric Hellerman DBA Next Door Bar & Lounge for a temporary extension of premise permit for a bike run, dart tournament and night entertainment for Support the Troops on September 25, 2010 from noon until 1:00 a.m.
- e. Request from Jeff Thang DBA JT's Pub & Grill for a temporary extension of premise permit for a 1 year anniversary party and band on September 18, 2010 from 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Stone and was seconded by Council Member Coenen to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Stone, Coenen, Johnson, Thomas and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

It was noted that for the temporary extension of premise permits, liquor will be served until 1:00 a.m. and the outdoor music will end at 12:30 a.m.

Mayor Kirckof thanked Culligan for their contribution.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. Due to the number of storms this season we have received several inquiries on the location of the Civil Defense Sirens. There are currently seven sirens within the City as follows:
1. Intersection of Railroad Avenue and Walnut Street
 2. 300 block of Main St. S. (old City Hall parking lot)
 3. 10th St. S. and Ash (Fairgrounds)
 4. Sinclair Lewis Avenue and Beltline (Hoboken Hill)
 5. Lakeview Drive (Hickman)
 6. SW Corner of Hwy 71 and I94
 7. 136 1st ST. N. (Water Treatment Plant)
- b. The public has been invited to attend a public information meeting on September 8, 2010 at 2:00, 4:00 and 6:00. The City Council may be in attendance.
- c. Election signs should be placed on private property and not in the boulevard. Signs placed in the boulevard are subject to removal by the governing body (MnDot, Stearns County Highway Department, City of Sauk Centre).

12. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Coenen and was seconded by Council Member Thomas to adjourn the meeting. A vote being recorded as follows: For: Council Members Coenen, Thomas, Johnson, Stone and Mayor Kirckof. Against: None. The motion passed.

With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Kirckof adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Brad A. Kirckof

City Administrator Vicki M. Willer