

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF SWANVILLE

Minutes of the Swanville City Council meeting held in the Swanville Community Center on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: Sandy Peterson, Jim Molitor, Jim Piekarski, AJ Johnson, and Tim Grittner.

Also present: Mark Hallen, Reporter Tina Snell and Brain Zapzalka

Minutes of the Swanville City Council meeting held August 2, 2011 were read. Jim Piekarski made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jim Molitor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

The treasures report was given. A motion was made by Jim Molitor and seconded by AJ Johnson to approve the treasurer's report. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Peterson read to the council an agreement that was written up for the electronic welcome to Swanville sign with the First State Bank and the City of Swanville. After discussion, Jim Molitor made a motion to accept and sign this agreement with the First State Bank. Tim Grittner seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

The abandon house on 107 Berkey Avenue was discussed. The price for the demolition of the house went up because of the shed behind the house and appliances in the house that was not figured in the first bid. After discussion, Jim Molitor made a motion to give the Lundeen's the new bid figure with the payment plan. AJ Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

Lake Pepin access was discussed. Jim Piekarski made a motion to have the maintenance men take down the tin shed and the high fence that surrounds the pond and leave up and repair the shorter fence. The cable fence along the grass on the north side of the access should be taken down also. Tim Grittner seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

Josh Larum is asking for a land use permit to put up a deck on the SE side of his house. The planning and zoning states the plans meet all the city requirements. Tim Grittner made a motion to give Larum the land use permit to build the deck. AJ Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried. The permit fee of \$50.00 has already been received.

The Swanville Rural Fire Association assessment for 2011-2012 is \$3,187.89. A check in that amount will be issued to the Fire Association.

The levy certification for 2012 was looked at and discussed. Tim Grittner made a motion to levy upon the taxable property in the City of Swanville for the year 2011 and payable in 2012 the following: \$67,500.00 General Fund and \$11,233.05 in the Debt Service Fund, for a total of \$78,733.05. AJ Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

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The city park building rental was discussed. It was decided that because of maintenance of the building and the raising propane and electricity costs the rent has to be raised. Jim Molitor made a motion to raise the rental \$25.00 starting January 1, 2012. He also added that a \$200.00 refundable damage deposit must be made to hold the date. Tim Grittner seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried. The park building rental prices are as follows: \$100.00-family reunions, \$125.00-graduation & anniversaries, \$150.00-weddings.

Copies of the city appraisal was looked at and discussed. This request appraisal was conducted because of the PFA water and road project loan.

Mayor Peterson gave a report on the library project. She had received a bid to remodel the Waltman Appraisal building for \$31,000.00. There was discussion from the council. The Mayor stated she would check into funding and grants and report back.

The Mayor and Clerk would like to attend the League of MN Cities conference in Royalton on September 21. The cost is \$40.00 a person. Jim Piekarski made a motion to send the Mayor and the Clerk to the conference. Jim Molitor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

It was reported to the council that there is a resident collecting junk in the back yard for recycling. This is not allowed in a residential district. A letter will be sent with a 15 day notice to clean this up.

The following claims were presented for payment. Members of the Council were furnished with a listing. Tim Grittner made a motion to approve the claims. Jim Molitor seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, motion carried.

The next monthly meeting will be held October 4, 2011, at 7:30pm.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jim Piekarski and seconded by AJ Johnson to adjourn. All members voted in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:15pm.

Julie Hollermann, City Clerk/Treasurer