

SPRING GROVE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021, 6:00 PM
Spring Grove Communications

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting of the Spring Grove City Council was called to order by Mayor Solberg at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at Spring Grove Communications Room 100.

Present: Mayor Scott Solberg, Council Members Karen Folstad, Chad Rohland, Trent Turner, and Travis Torgerson.

Also Present: City Clerk/Administrator Julie Amundson, Caledonia Argus, Jordan Gerard, Brian Krambeer with MI Energy. Residents Darrel Hahn, Renae Collins and Janet Britain.

ADOPT AGENDA

Council Member Rohland moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Folstad, all approved, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Rohland move to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all approved, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM

Resident Mr. Hahn expressed his concern on how the survey was conducted on garbage carts vs yellow bags. The process of mailing the letters with return postcards was explained and there was a 50% return rate of the survey. The survey was not put in the utility bills because not everyone reads everything included in their bill. Ms. Britain expressed her concern over the cost and the effect on the older population.

OLD BUSINESS

Administrator Amundson gave an update on the garbage and recycling carts. Richard's Sanitation has placed the order and they should arrive mid-August with delivery to residents to start in September.

Brian Krambeer with MiEnergy spoke on the EV Charging stations. MiEnergy would like to provide each city with the ZEFNET 40-CPD-SS charger valued at \$5100.00. The city will be responsible for the cost of installation. Mabel, Harmony and Caledonia have already decided to go with the charging stations per Mr. Krambeer. Some cities opted to go with the next unit

higher because the charging time is little faster. The next higher unit would be a little over \$700.00 more. Mayor Solberg moved to purchase the \$5,819.00 unit, seconded by Council Member Rohland, all voted in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Krambeer presented an updated agreement between MiEnergy and the City of Spring Grove. The updated includes changing the name from Tri County to MiEnergy, the merger with cooperatives in Iowa and removed the third-party transmission fee from Dairyland Power. By removing the transmission fee, the city will have an estimated savings of about \$60,000.00 annually. Mayor Solberg moved to sign the agreement, seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried. The mayor signed the agreement document and returned to Mr. Krambeer.

Rena Collins with the Syttende Mai Committee requested the use of the land by the Aquatic Center for the Circus on August 11, 2021. They are asking the city cover the expense of the water and the dumpster. Council Member Folstad moved to allow the Syttende Mai Committee use the land for the Circus, seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the recommendation to hire Erin Burns part time janitor for the Corner Bar. Item tabled, and will be added to the agenda for the next budget meeting.

MAYOR/COUNCIL

Mayor Solberg expressed his concern with residents not paying attention to the yellow painted no parking spots in front of Kwik Trip and the school. The Administrator will be in contact with Paul Morken and John Sylling to see what options are available to display that these spots are no longer available to park in and have been declared no parking. MN DOT will also be contacted to see what they will allow for signage and painting.

Next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6.00 pm in the Spring Grove Communications Room 100.

Budget workshop scheduled for Wednesday July 29, 2021 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

MEETING REPORTS

EDA – Reviewed the budget and working with RSP the architect firm. An RFP has been sent out for the Quonset Hut area for a housing development.

PARKS – Pickle Ball will be coming to one of the tennis courts. The expense will be covered by the funds awarded from LMC Excellence Award.

PLANNING AND ZONING – No meeting

LIBRARY – On July 27, 2021 there will be an open house for Dawn Johnson put on by the Friends of the Library, in honor of her retirement.

FIRE DEPT. – No Meeting

SPRING GROVE 2030 - Three workshop meeting were held on what Spring Grove will look like in 2030 at the Log Cabin and was well attended.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Rohland moved to adjourn at 6:45 pm, seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Attested: _____
Julie Amundson
Clerk/Administrator