

**SPRING GROVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2022, 6:00 PM**  
**Spring Grove Communications, Room 100**

Mayor Solberg called the May Spring Grove City Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Mayor Scott Solberg, Council Members, Karen Folstad, Chad Rohland, Travis Torgerson and Trent Turner.

Staff present: Administrator Amundson, Utility Director John Sylling

Guests present: Charlene Selbee with Fillmore County Journal, Jordan Gerard with Caledonia Argus, Sean Young, Miles and Susan Schulte, Adin and Aaron Solum, Pat and Pat Jr. Longmire, and Todd Olerud.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

Council Member Turner moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Council Member Rohland, all voted in favor, motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Council Member Turner moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Utility Director Sylling stated that the pool will open on time, which will be the last week of school. The Diamond Bright coating will not be applied until this fall, after the close of the swimming season.

Discussion was held on the Corner Municipal Liquor Store. The City Ordinance was explained to the audience and the steps the City Council will need to take being there has been a loss in two of the three consecutive years. Mayor Solberg explained there will be a question on the November ballot as to the future of the liquor store, and no action will be taken until that time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Adin Solum presented a request to connect to City Sewer and Water. His plans are to build a house on parcel 13.0145.000 located in Spring Grove Township. City sewer and water mains run on the edge of his property line. Mayor Solberg moved to allow connection to city water at twice the rate and sewer pending the city attorney's interpretation of the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Rohland, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Miles and Susan Schulte addressed the City Council concerning their neighbors and the need for a privacy fence. Further actions will be turned over to the Zoning Administrator to handle.

Review of the current Fest Building Fee Schedule was explained. Minor changes made to the contract, one being candles are now prohibited from being used in the facility, early check in will need prior approval, and the nonprofit fee schedule was added to the contract. Mayor Solberg moved to approve all the updates made to the Fest Building Contract, seconded by Council Member Turner, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Council Member Rohland moved to approve the following employees to work the Summer Rec Program, Christopher Stinmoen as Director, Logan Brumm, Jaxon Strinmoen, Ben Udstuen, Caleb Griffin, Gabe Klug, Kody Moore, Jordan Anderson, Alisha Solum, Jessica Morken, and Niels Olesen. Seconded by Council Member Torgerson, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Todd Olerud spoke on behalf of the Athletic Boosters, requesting help with funding to update the speaker system at the baseball diamond and the football field. Four new speakers will be mounted, two at each facility and the amplifier will be transported between the two fields. The cost of \$8,000.00 to update the equipment would be shared between the Athletic Booster, City of Spring Grove and Spring Grove Public School. Council Member Rohland moves to give the project \$1,500.00 pending the school also agrees to provide matching support of \$1,500.00. Seconded by Mayor Solberg, all voted in favor, motion carried.

#### **MAYOR/COUNCIL**

Special meeting will be held on May 24, 2022, at 5:30pm with a Public Hearing to vacate on easement in the Commercial Industrial Park. The regular Council meeting for June will be held on June 21, 2022, at 6:30pm in Room 100 of SGC.

#### **MEETING REPORTS**

**EDA** – The Alley Project had it's unveiling of the mural on May 13, 2022, discussion was held on the liquor store. Revocity withdrew their offer on the two front lots in the Commercial Industrial Park.

**PARKS & REC** – Meeting was held in Viking Park and discussion was held on how many and what kind of trees should be planted to replace those removed.

**PLANNING AND ZONING** – Miles and Sue Schulte were present to talk about the neighbor putting in a gravel driveway. Update on Western Son Trucking and reviewed their application. Worked on the Comp Plan. Mayor Solberg stated he is working with WHKS on getting RRFB sign installed by the school.

**LIBRARY** – No meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT** – No meeting.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:24pm moved to close session to discuss the results from the interviews conducted for potential Police Chief.

AT 8:12 Mayor Solberg moved to end close session and return to open meeting. Seconded by Council Member Turner, all voted in favor to return to open session, motion carried.

Mayor Solberg moved to authorize Council Members Rohland and Folstad to negotiate with applicant Seth Louks to be hired as an officer until current Chief retires and then to assume the duties of Police Chief pending the successfully approved background check. Seconded by Council Member Turner, all voted in favor, motion carried.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Turner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Council Member Rohland, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Amundson  
Clerk/Administrator