

## **CITY OF ALLISON COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

The City of Allison met in regular session on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 5:15 p:m, council chambers, Mayor Scot Henrichs presiding. Council members present: James Blockhus, Janis Cramer, Jerry Platter and David Smith. Absent: Tim Junker. Others present: Monte and David Allan, Roger Kregel, Jay Skarr, James , Editor Tribune Journal, City Attorney Marty Peterson, Allan Brockway, Kris Graser, Mike and Dominic Quario, and Mike Sterling.

It was moved by Platter and seconded by Cramer to approve the agenda. Ayes to approve the agenda, all. Motion carried.

It was moved by Blockhus and seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda. Ayes all to the motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda included the following:

Minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 council Meeting

August Financial Reports

Budget Expenditures: General Fund \$ 139,439.18; Road Use Tax \$ 18,414.06; Solid Waste Fund \$ 8,875.72; Water Utility \$ 5,466.20; Sewer Utility \$ 7,091.83; Total Expenditures \$ 179,361.99

Budget Revenues: General Fund \$ \$ 24,897.46; Road Use Tax Fund \$ 10,293.29; T&A Tax Benefits \$ 46.87; Debt Service Fund \$ 61.71; Solid Waste Fund \$ 8,219.69; Water Utility Fund \$ 6,979.96; Storm Water Utility Fund \$ 929.80; Sewer Utility Fund \$ 8,598.53 Total \$ 60,027.31.

Building Permit Application – Kelly Thorne sidewalk repair.

Kelly and David Thorne are the first to apply for sidewalk repair and replacement; they are the first recipients of ten available grants of \$ 250.00 each to awarded after the project is complete and the criteria met – which is a project \$ 500.00 or over and constructed according to code specifications.

Roger Kregel representing Dumont Telephone Company asked the city sign permission to start digging in fiber optics in the city of Allison. The permit signed will be submitted to the D.O.T. for approval. The city signed the document. Kregel said that the power source has been upped from approximately 1 mg to 2 mgs and the fiber optics will have nearly 500% the power upon completion.

Dave and Monte Allan came to council with an expansion plan and a plan to build a corporate office to the south and east of the first AIC plant. The expansion will be to the north and a loading dock for trucks will be place on the east side of the plant. This will take up a great deal of the current parking space – so the company is looking to purchase land to the south and east to build an office building and to provide more parking spaces for employees. The council approved the new building expansion and construction plans and Monte and David will provide prints and a building permit application for council action. Dave and Monte hope these will be provided by the next council meeting.

Jay Skarr visited about his plans to rebuild his grocery store along with a plan for expansion of the old store footage. His plans are yet to be completely formulated ; a lot has to do with the availability of lots and the cost and such of the expansion. The city has agreed to look into tif financing for some of the expansion and may even consider the

possibility of financing additional space for open lease possibilities. These are all tentative plans as far as expansion is concerned and has a lot to do with the continuity of the clean up and the availability of space. Jay has indicated that the DNR and insurance adjusters have been speaking about the clean up moving along sometime this week. Jay hopes to get moving on a building before the weather becomes a negative factor.

Mike Sterling was present to ask about renewing his agreement with the city for sidewalk snow removal. The city was satisfied with the work of Sterling Lawn Care, especially pleased with the early hours that snow was removed and agreed to the renewal of the current snow removal contract agreement with Sterling. Sterling will remove snow on city owned sidewalks and any Main Street sidewalks that needs shoveled outside the 48 hours that is required – Main Street sidewalks in non compliance to the snow removal ordinance.

Mike Quario was present to ask that the city honor the letter he was sent saying that his dog would not have to be genetically tested that the documentation he had provided was sufficient proof of his dog's breed. The city had received a letter they had asked for, regarding the breed of Mike Quario's dog, from the dog's first owner.

After receiving that letter council felt from then forward it would be only genetic testing that would be accepted. The letter submitted by the dogs original owner raised questions. Questions included; how would the city actually know that a statement was indeed from the first owner of a dog; the city would sometimes need investigate further if the council had questions. In this case and possibly in other cases further inquiries may not be possible. The city council agreed with Mike, that he had fulfilled everything that they had asked him to produce; and therefore, what he provided council would allowed and his documentation sufficient. Following this case; all other dogs facing question of breed will be genetically tested or required to be put out of the city.

The council said that Mike's dog along with others are expected to obey the laws including the leash law on public property and dogs are not to run loose. In this case any violation of those laws or evidence of any aggressive behavior – a genetic test will be required. Mike said he accepted that decision.

The city evaluated some water issues that have risen on 4<sup>th</sup> street. The water in two homes in that location are rusty a great deal of the time. It was observed that water quality was worse after the fire. The city talked to Public Works Director Allan Brockway and it was decided that the city would flush water hydrants in the area once again; they have flushed in that vicinity twice already – but maybe the large quantity of water used during the fire and also at the plant where water ran for nearly a month before discovered, caused enough flow to keep the rust moving out of the pipes into the house service lines. Allan also suggested that it was time to change water filters. It was decided to do that; the cost around \$ 4,000.00 per filter – the city water distribution system has two water filters.

Janis Cramer is coordinating a grocery service in the community. The city has received calls from those who have volunteered to make runs to Dumont's J&C for groceries during the week. Now it's needed to put in place the system of how to order and how to pay. Janis will work on this, along with the city hall staff, and she will put an article in the paper and give instructions how to order and what methods will be used to pay. It was felt that maybe the need for this service will get greater as the weather worsens.

With no other business, it was moved by Blockhus and seconded by Smith to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Scot Henrichs

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sandy Harms, Allison City Clerk