

Special City Council Meeting
July 19, 2011

The City Council met in special session at 7:05 PM at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Rosendahl, Brandriet, Harris and Kuipers. Forward and Sitzler were absent. Visitors present: Stacy Zimmer and Brye Zimmer. Employees present: Pat Nelson, Gary Neuharth, Marke Roberts and April Haring.

Storm Assessment and Funding:

Events and information were discussed regarding the July 10 storm and recovery. The ND Homeland Security State Director, Greg Wilz, stated if damages to public infrastructure do not total \$1 million, no financial assistance will be provided. Public infrastructure includes damage to sidewalks, curbs, roads, streets, and uninsured public property plus actions taken to "mitigate life and safety of public." The City has incurred costs to clear debris from public property, remove dangerous trees threatening the safety of property, and will have costs relating to the disposal of the debris sites. The estimated costs of these actions are expected to be over \$150,000.00. Options were discussed on how to finance the recovery from the storm and how to move forward with clean up.

Brandriet moved, Kuipers second to begin grinding/chipping debris sites, Z's Trees has been contracted to do this work and will also remove the chippings, carried.

Brandriet moved, Harris second to use excess utility revenues, according to NDCC 40-33-12 guidelines to pay for the removal of dangerous trees and future cost shares of the removal of hazardous trees, carried.

Brandriet moved, Kuipers second to obtain financing from the Capital Finance Program available at the Bank of ND to pay for the clearing of debris on July 11 and the disposal of the debris sites, carried.

The City will begin re-assessing the hazardous trees marked by the contracted forester and begin notifying property owners of removal guidelines, this will also include those identified as diseased.

Continued discussion relating to repayment of financing included options to use sales tax funds and/or apply a fee to monthly billing for emergency purposes.

Kuipers moved, Rosendahl second to introduce and approve RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BOND WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 2010-1 PHASE 2, carried.

Brandriet moved, Harris second to adjourn meeting at 8:55 PM.

MAYOR Monty Zimmer ATTEST April Haring
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)