

Special City Council Meeting  
December 17, 2009

The City Council met at 5:00 PM at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Opp and Council: Kuipers, Forward, Sitzler and Rosendahl. Harris arrived at 5:30 PM and Brandriet was absent. Visitors present: Bill Geffre, Geoffrey Rath, and Randy Burley. Employees present: Pat Nelson and April Haring.

**Dangerous Building,** Fire Chief Randy Burley reported on the fire that occurred on December 12, 2009, at 411 Main Avenue. From his observation the structure received serious damage as defined by fire standards. According to the preliminary reports from the State Fire Marshall's office the cause of the fire appears to be electrical in nature. The neighboring building did receive smoke damage.

The property owner, Bill Geffre, reported he does have plans to demolish the building but it may not be for another year or two. During this time the building would be primarily used for storage purposes, there are no plans for significant repairs or to supply power. The windows on the front of the building will be replaced and apartment will be vacated.

Sitzler moved, Kuipers second to hire a certified building inspector from Moore Engineering to review the structure of the building for safety. If the building passes as safe the City will pay for the expenses of the inspection, if the building is found to be dangerous as defined by the City Ordinances the financial responsibility will be determined at that hearing, roll call approved.

Discussion was held on other buildings on Main Street that may also be inspected for safety concerns. Inspections will be done and owners notified.

**Water Treatment Plant Operator,** Ralph Packulak's current pay is set at a Class I Certification level, the testing has been scheduled for Class II but he has been unable to make testing dates due to commitments at the plant. He has held a Class II Certification prior to employment but let it lapse. Rosendahl moved, Forward second to increase the Water Treatment Plant Operator's wage to the Class II Certification level retroactive to December 1, 2009, roll call approved.

Sitzler moved, Harris second to adjourn meeting at 6:00 PM

MAYOR \_\_\_\_\_ ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)