

REGULAR MEETING OF CELINA CITY COUNCIL September 8, 2008

President Rodriguez called the Regular Meeting of Celina City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members Bachelor, Buxton, Jeffries, King, Larmore, Scott and Sell answered roll call. Also present were Mayor LaRue, Safety Service Director Hazel, Planning & Community Development Director Bryan; City Auditor Stewart, and City Law Director McKirnan.

CM Sell made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by CM Bachelor. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

CM Sell made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 25, 2008, Regular Council Meeting with corrections, seconded by CM Bachelor. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President Rodriguez said minutes of the Council as a Whole are in council packets.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Director Hazel said \$3,000 was returned from the Lake Festival Committee and they thanked council for their support. The money will go back to the general fund.

Director Hazel passed out a Fire Department report for August.

Mayor LaRue announced that on Friday, September 19th, there will be an employee appreciation lunch at North Shore Park beginning at 11:00 a.m. The event will be catered by 2 Willy's and in case of inclement weather, the lunch will be held at the GAC facility.

AUDIENCE COMMUNICATIONS:

Don Kohnen asked if the city does not get the \$400,000 grant, where will the \$30,000 consultant cost come from. Director Bryan explained the funds. CM Bachelor said we will pay the fee if we don't get the grant. Mr. Kohnen said that the state is not insisting on a storm water utility as this time. CM Bachelor stated at this time the state is not insisting but with the city's experience with the EPA, at some time down the line we'll need to take care of this. Mr. Kohnen asked where the funds will go and Director Hazel said they will only be used for this utility. Mr. Kohnen questioned what funds will be used for by the way the ordinance reads. CM Bachelor explained. CM Scott commented on why they included more in the ordinance but not specifically everything.

NEW BUSINESS: (First Reading)

12-08-R: A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates for the City of Celina as determined by the Mercer County Budget Commission, authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency. CM Sell asked if the percentage of the fund has changed since last presented. Auditor Stewart said it went down. CM Bachelor said the percentage will fluctuate from year to year. This is a pretty average number. The county got less money this year so we're losing around \$52,000. Auditor Stewart said if it went by population we would get less than \$400,000. CM Bachelor gave a further explanation. Auditor Stewart said they are doing away with local assist. CM Scott made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by CM Buxton. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye. CM King made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by CM Bachelor. Roll call vote 7-0, Aye.

OLD BUSINESS: (None)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Water Superintendent, Mike Sudman, reported that we are in compliance at this time with the EPA. Our TTHM is now 50% under the limit. Mike said there will be an Open House for the new GAC plant on September 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CM Scott said the newspaper quoted him on the swimming pool and he did not mean it the way it was printed.

CM Sell said he received a call about some loose curb on Meyer Road. Auditor Stewart said they just replaced some curb today on Meyer Road. Director Hazel said there is more to be done tomorrow.

CM Sell said he was walking through an alley and saw some cable on someone's property and asked if it is the property owners. Director Hazel said sometime wire coming out of the ground will be looped until the company can come back to connect it. If it's not connected in the ground, than it's the property owners.

CM Sell asked if the gas lines are done on Buckeye Street. CM Larmore said he saw them still working in some areas but the machine is gone.

CM King said she received a call on the leniency that was given to Breakaway. CM Sell said he also received calls and feels we're going to get beat up either way the decision was made to handle this situation.

Two meetings were set up for the Utility Committee: September 11th at 4:30 p.m. in the utility building and September 15th at 4:00 p.m. in the utility building.

Parks & Recreation Committee set a meeting for September 16th at 5:30 p.m. in the utility building. There was a short discussion on the pool leak.

President Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Jackie L. Lacy, Council Clerk