Approved
City of Middle River
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2025

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mat called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

Present: Mathew Stromsodt, Tammy Johnson, Joshua Veselka and Morgan Ness.

Absent: Debra Ness

Public: 13

Open forum:

John Scheff Sr. brought forth a letter sent by the city to the council that stated he violated the Garbage Ordinance section 8. He also brought forth a grievance against his neighbor concerning accusations of theft and unlawful use of city property.

Josh Veselka suggested all letters sent by the city need to go through the city council.

Mat wished to set a precedent that “any complaint that is lodged before a letter is sent shall be brought in front of the council.”

John Scheff Sr. also requested to know the status of the Legacy Center.

Mat recalled that most of the leaks were taken care of, however Sannes Coffee’s room in the Legacy Center on the south wall started leaking in recent weeks.

Justin Scheff raised a concern about a letter he received from the city last summer concerning an excess amount of toys in his yard. He reported that a woman was on his property taking photos of his yard. Topic dismissed by Josh but advised the property owner

contact law enforcement if someone trespasses on his property. Justin requested that he no longer receive such letters from the city and expressed concern that the woman's actions are hurting his children.

Josh reminds everyone there's ordinances concerning cleanliness of resident's yards while living within city limits.

Josh reminded the group that city ordinances regulate property cleanliness within city limits. Mat suggested reevaluating the letter sent to Justin by the City of Middle River in the summer of 2024 to determine the reasoning behind it. Justin requested to be added to the agenda for the April meeting.

Alaura distributed official emails to city council members. City council member's emails will be listed on the Middle River website.

Dustin from Widseth claims to do the boring is not something Widseth does but Dustin will reach out to other consultants and follow up with them.

Mat requests Alaura follow up with Tom Erb regarding where the city stands on this.

The lead line survey was turned into the department of health. The city has a total of 30 unknown lines left. The council requests a list of 30 unknown lines and has David Gram check them out.

Fire department is reevaluating their Standard Operating Guidelines and Procedures. Jeremy Neste explains the change will get rid of the legal requirements to get paid on call that requires the Fire Department to have a paid roaster. More detail will be brought to the council next month.

The FD has training on June 28th with Newfolden's FD for electrical vehicle training. They requested to use the east lot behind The Legacy Center. A notice will be posted on the city website and Legacy Center's Facebook page prior to the training.

2nd Street bridge replacement plan was reviewed with copies of project plans. One of the reasons is to place storm water on the left side of the bridge. The project is expected to take place fall of 2025. It is unconfirmed how long the project will take.

Tammy Johnson makes a motion to accept the new employee compensation resolution. Seconded by Josh. Motion passes.

Resolution of the city to convey city owned lots to Angie Peterson; Josh makes a motion seconded by Morgan. Motion passes.

Alaura is instructed to carry over the deeds to these new owners.

A concern was brought forward by city admin about bulk water this spring and how to manage it.

A card scanning setup or quarter machine was suggested. More will be discussed at April's meeting.

Skid-steer tire estimate was provided by Josh.
It was brought to the council's attention that there are multiple dead trees in town; Those on private property will be sent a letter by the city to cut them down.

Johnson's water issue has been resolved.

The Personnel Committee was asked to ensure they are in compliance with pay equity.

Sandra Melby spoke on behalf of the Legacy Committee; all but 2 rooms passed the air quality test conducted by Brian Bicklum. The two rooms are carpeted and the carpet will be removed or cleaned. Traci Pederson requests her room get tested. Signs will be taken down once the building is 100% cleared.

Discounts on gym memberships were not granted to city council members

Motion for the variance to Legion Post 444 for their building by Josh. Second by Morgan.

Summary sheet of the old press building property was reviewed. City purchased the building for $2,800 in 2017 and is willing to sell it. A possible dollar amount was discussed along with building permits, and taxes, sewer & water setup. More information will be provided to potential buyer next meeting.

Morgan made a motion to approve a scoreboard to be put up at Kris Koehmstad Field. Seconded by Tammy Johnson. Motion carried.

Josh makes a motion to approve the EMS yearly rate contract. Tammy seconds. Motion carried.

February meeting minutes were revied and approved with minor amendments.

Josh makes a motion to accept the minutes from Feb. Seconded by Morgan.

Tammy makes a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Josh.