Special City Council Meeting November 14, 2011

The City Council met in special session at 7:30 PM at City Hall with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Sitzler, Brandriet, Rosendahl, Kuipers and Forward by phone. Harris was absent. Visitors present: Brian Vculek, Doug Schmit, and Tom Schmit. Employees present: Gary Neuharth, Pat Nelson and April Haring.

Discussion was held regarding the drainage installed along Industrial Park Avenue B. The ditch will be moved ten feet north to eliminate any possible freezing hazards to the existing water main. This drain will not increase the amount of water but will increase the flow.

Doug Schmit raised concerns of his land in Section 20 that the water drains to now. The City requested the area to be used for drainage in 1989 and since then the amount of water has increased and he would like to see a limit or a plan for continued drainage as the city grows. The land is currently in a CRP contract that is scheduled to expire next year. The drain needs to be cleared but because of the CRP regulations the land cannot be altered. Gary Neuharth will contact the NRCS to see if the drains can be worked on and cleaned while under contract to alleviate potential flood issues. Moore Engineering will also be contacted to have area surveyed.

Issues of the water flow were discussed regarding the new drains by Brian Vculek's property, clearing existing drainage and upsizing culverts. Sitzler moved, Forward second to install a gate valve east of the water tower to help control the flow and alleviate flooding of Schmit's land, carried. The gate valve will be used to regulate, not stop, flow until Schmit's land can be drained properly while still maintaining drainage on Vculek's land.

Forward moved, Kuipers second to approve a Game of Chance Permit for Benefit for Ryder Seelye for a raffle, carried.

Forward moved, Sitzler second to adjourn meeting at 8:10 PM.

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