**Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 Pursuant to Notice Duly Given:**

1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Bostedt at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Mayor Bostedt, Darrell Anderson, Al Schreiber, Lauren Resch, Jean Feldt, Bob Le Breck, Roger Reed, Attorney Erickson

Also Present: Fire Chief John Reed, Police Chief Bernie Faith, Sara Perrizo, Administrator and as recording secretary and other interested parties

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Alderperson Feldt.
2. Approval of Agenda

**Moved by Resch seconded by Le Breck to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 6 ayes**

1. Approval of Minutes as Presented from City Council and any Special Council Meetings

**Moved by Feldt, seconded by Anderson to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 6 ayes**

1. Approval of Department Reports as Presented

**Moved by Anderson, seconded by Schreiber to approve the department reports.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 6 ayes**

1. Correspondence/Public Input.

Le Breck read a letter from the Department of Transportation (DOT) that was received in response to a letter sent to them from the Airport Commission. The DOT letter states that the City cannot dissolve its obligation to the Airport unless the County agrees to take over full obligation. Le Breck noted that the Airport Commission seems to think that the City wishes to close the Airport, which is not the case. Mayor Bostedt is very disappointed that the Airport Commission would contact the DOT without first contacting someone at the City. She would like the Council’s permission to write back to the DOT and reassure them that the City in no way intends to close the Airport. The consensus of the Council is to get a copy of the original message that was sent to the DOT from the Airport and to put this item on the April agenda. Anderson suggested writing a letter to the Airport Commission now, reassuring them that there is no intent to close the Airport and inviting them to our meeting. Schreiber commented that we have to be careful to respond in a positive way as we don’t know where this idea came from. Mayor Bostedt stated that she will write a letter only to invite them to the next meeting.

* 1. Roger Reed Worker’s Compensation Settlement

Mayor Bostedt stated that she was made aware of this settlement within the last month and the claim process started in July 2015. She opined that it is reprehensible to her that a person who is elected by the people of this City would choose this route. She is disappointed that anyone in the government would make a decision to do this. This will have repercussions in the future as it will affect the City’s insurance rates. Mayor Bostedt stated that she has had a hard time for four years with the fact that R. Reed, as an elected person, leaves the City and goes on vacation for two months each year and still gets paid by the taxpayers. She would hope that all elected officials would do everything with the best interest of the electors in mind.

Ora Lee Martin, 313 Scherer Avenue, stated that R. Reed retired from the fire department 13 years ago and had a pre-existing condition relating to the claim before being hired at the fire department. She can’t understand why he would put this claim on the City. His continuation of employment has nothing to do with it as he still collects his pension and social security. Martin is disappointed that this was done behind closed doors and feels that this is an insult to other fire and police department retirees. The people of the community believed and trusted in R. Reed and it is disappointing to Martin that he chose to do this.

Attorney Erickson stated that any reference to any medical issues will not be allowed in this forum. Health information is protected by HIPAA laws and discussion of it will not be stated in this forum any longer. R. Reed does not have to answer any questions regarding his medical issues.

R. Reed stated that this is his personal life and he feels that this is nobody’s business but his, including the Mayor.

Kim Bronikowski, 535 Congress Street, first heard about this when it appeared on the agenda. She questioned the amount of the settlement and where it will come out of the budget. Also, should this have been brought forward last July? Mayor Bostedt stated that the settlement amount is $15,500 and it is an insurance payment through workman’s comp. Perrizo explained that this claim was handled by the City’s former insurance company. We receive worker’s compensation claims on a regular basis and Perrizo reports claims to the Council that are of a cost of greater than $3,000. At the time the notice of claim was received, Perrizo had no way to know how much the claim would be and when she did find out the amount, she immediately informed the Mayor. The insurance company did a poor job of informing the City during the process and the City was only recently notified of the amount of the settlement. Bronikowski asked where the money would come from for the payment. Perrizo stated that the insurance company will pay the settlement.

Lloyd Heier, 300 Third Street, questioned why the claim will affect the City’s rates going forward if it was paid by the former insurance company. Mayor Bostedt said that is part of our history and will open a “can of worms” and will follow us. Perrizo explained that, because this is a workman’s comp claim and those rates are set by the State based on the past three years of claims, regardless of who the City chooses to be its insurance company. Schreiber explained that employees have 10 years after receiving their last paycheck to file a workman’s comp claim. The State investigates all claims before paying them out. This is between R. Reed and his insurance company and this is why the City carries insurance.

Dean Reed, 1616 Park Avenue, stated that it makes no difference that R. Reed is elected now. He was an employee of the City when the injury happened and the argument presented here tonight is ridiculous.

Pat Trepanier, 352 Main Street, stated that he has to pay for workman’s comp insurance for his employees and it doesn’t matter which insurance company he uses. The more claims you have, the higher rate you pay each year and the rate is based on a percentage of payroll. Regardless, all employers have to have it.

Dennis Martin, 313 Scherer Avenue, asked who at the City signed to allow this claim to be filed, and questioned why the Mayor wasn’t informed when the process was started. Erickson explained that R. Reed filed a claim and that doesn’t require anyone’s approval at the City. The claim was filed through the worker’s comp office. Schreiber stated that the City didn’t have any control over this and an employee doesn’t have to ask permission if they feel that they’ve been injured on the job.

Feldt called for a point of order and stated that the rumors need to stop. This is R. Reed’s business and she is disappointed that this was brought up.

Mike Hoppe, 2920 Sherman Road, told Perrizo to have the forms ready for him and three more people who will be in to file the same claim. Erickson countered that the City has no obligation to provide anyone with paperwork to file such a claim and told Hoppe that he can seek his own legal counsel.

Erickson also stated that anyone here who speaks falsely about this issue now is committing a violation of the law and advised that they may want to think twice about doing so.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda
	1. Approval of Applications for Temporary Class B Retailer’s License and Applications for License to Serve Fermented Beverages and/or Intoxicating Liquor
	2. Approval of Payroll for the Month of February 2016 in the Amount of $112,988.78, Accounts Payable for the Month of January 2016 in the Amount of $1,375,638.15 and Other Financial Reports as Presented
	3. Approval of Invoice from KerberRose, S.C. in the Amount of $5,200 for Audit Services and Denial of Additional Charges of $600
	4. Approval of Invoice from DeGroot, Inc. in the Amount of $3,166.47 for Repair of Sludge Line at WWTP
	5. Approval of Harbor Development Three Year Statement of Intentions
	6. Approval of 5K and 10K Routes for “Miles 4 Madyson” Run/Walk on May 14, 2016
	7. Approval of Street Closure Request of Huron Avenue on August 27, 2016 for 2016 Summer Jam

**Moved by Anderson, seconded by Resch to approve the consent agenda.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes**

1. Discussion/Recommendation/Action on the Following:
	1. Approval of Appointment of Pat Trepanier to the Police & Fire Commission (Replacing Jeff Krueger, who resigned)

Mayor Bostedt stated that Krueger’s resignation was work-related and Trepanier is interested in serving. Trepanier stated that, if his appointment is accepted, he will try to do as good of a job as Krueger was doing while on the Commission.

**Moved by Schreiber, seconded by Anderson to approve the appointment of Pat Trepanier to the Police & Fire Commission.**

**Motion carried upon electronically recorded vote. 6 ayes**

1. **Moved by Le Breck, seconded by Resch to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.**

**Motion carried upon verbal voice vote. 6 ayes**

Respectfully Submitted:

Sara J. Perrizo

 Administrator