

6. **Resolution Accepting American Legion Post #333 Charitable Gambling Funds:** As part of the consent agenda, the resolution accepting American Legion Post #333 charitable gambling funds in the amount of \$500 for Festival in the Park was adopted. Ayes: Hopkins, Marti, Nelson, Tjosaas. Nays: None.

**Resolution #8.2-11
Resolution Accepting American Legion Post #333 Charitable Gambling Funds
(on file)**

PUBLIC FORUM: Jeannine Hensley, spokesperson for KARE, read the KARE response (attached) to the July 27, 2011 Mayor’s Memo in the Dodge County Independent.

VISITORS TO THE COUNCIL

1. **Deb Parrott, WSN – AIA, LEED AP, Kasson Public Library Design/Facility:** Deb Parrott, WSN, presented three library design options for the Old Elementary School located at 101 3rd Avenue NW, as requested by the Kasson Public Library Building Committee. The three options included 1) existing footprint renovation, 2) modified footprint renovation and 3) new built which would require removal of existing building. The Kasson Public Library Board of Trustees has approved and recommends Option 3, new built, library design to the City Council. The design presented includes a 17,000 square foot library and a 3,000 square foot community room. With this option the main entry façade is preserved in the public community room which will also include photographs of the school and the City’s history. Reasons for recommending a new built include: functionality - a single level library allows for better line-of-site for library staff and supervision of the library, no elevators needed, the raised floor allows for better accessibility for changes/repairs to plumbing, wiring, heating, air conditioning, a shared entry for the library, community room, boardroom and restrooms could be used after library hours, with no basement or sub-basement, water and moisture penetration would not be an issue, the exterior design of a new built would fit in with the existing neighborhood, the exterior would also include some limestone to tie in with the Old Water Tower, adequate off-street parking would comply with City codes and green space would be better utilized. The council stated they are comfortable with the plans and thanked the Library Building Committee for their time and efforts. The committee toured several libraries, both new and renovated. Mayor Tjosaas then addressed comments from KARE. The mayor thanked KARE for taking time to address concerns. The decision on whether to renovate or demolish the Old Elementary School has been discussed/contemplated and voted on during the last five years. A survey by a task force indicated 58% of those responding wanted renovation of the building; it was not a scientific survey and no dollar figure was attached. There are issues with portions of the proposal from KARE including the grants that are mentioned. The City has applied for three grants in recent years, none of which were received. Some grants are not geared towards this type of project, or not funded at this time. As far as new market tax credits, Dodge County is not considered a “new market.” The mayor said he would never fault the passion others have and stated that KARE has done a “wonderful job” in documenting the building and the history of the school. The hope was that KARE would have brought a developer in, along with more concrete information than what we have. 32,000 square feet does not fit a library; the building was not designed for a library. Other council comments included: 58% of 581 responses (339 for, 242 against) is not a majority of citizens of the City of Kasson. It was also not guaranteed that people wouldn’t have voted more than once. Residents have asked council members why the City is still

dealing with this. It is time to move ahead. Incorporating the look and feel of the old school is an appealing design. The price tag of all proposed options is a concern. All were reminded this recommended design is preliminary. Motion by Marti and second by Nelson, with all voting aye, to accept the preliminary findings from the Library Building Committee and allow them to continue plans for a new library facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Electric Committee

- a. **Peoples Cooperative Services Territory Acquisition/South Fork:** The Electric Committee met Thursday, August 4th regarding Peoples Cooperative Services territory acquisition of South Fork which goes back to 2001. The Electric Committee and Peoples Cooperative Services will meet on August 18th to continue negotiations for a settlement on the territory acquisition. The City is currently servicing South Fork.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mutual Aid Agreement:** This mutual aid agreement pertains to Public Works agreeing to render aid to other cities and indicates what costs may be incurred. Motion by Hopkins and second by Nelson, with all voting aye, to approve the mutual aid agreement.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. **Festival in the Park:** The mayor reminded everyone that Festival in the Park festivities are this weekend and that council members will be in the parade on Sunday.

CLERK-ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. **Iberdrola - Power Purchase Agreement:** The City's renewable standards have been satisfied through 2016 with the purchase of 1.0 MW wind generation from the Rugby Wind Project. Through CMMPA, Iberdrola the owner of Rugby Wind has offered additional purchases that would satisfy the City's state renewable energy standard up to 2025. The recommendation is to enter into an agreement to purchase up to an additional 2.0 MW of wind energy from Rugby Wind. The price is proprietary and will not be disclosed until after the contracts are signed but are favorable for the City.
 - a. **Resolution Approving a Power Purchase Agreement Through CMMPA with Rugby Wind Project:** Motion by Nelson and second by Marti to adopt the resolution approving a power purchase agreement through CMMPA with Rugby Wind project not to exceed an additional 2.0 MW of renewable wind energy for a period up to 20 years. Ayes: Hopkins, Marti, Nelson, Tjosaas. Nays: None.

**Resolution #8.3-11
Resolution Approving a Power Purchase Agreement Through CMMPA
With Rugby Wind Project
(on file)**

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Neil Britton, WSN, presented the progress report on current projects within the City. He noted that East Main Street has been paved and the storm sewer extended.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was reviewed:

1. SEMLM Meeting – August 29, 2011 Chatfield

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

Randy D. Lenth, City Administrator

Tim Tjosaas, Mayor