

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, VICTOR, IOWA, JANUARY 25, 2010

The city council met in special session at city hall at 6:30 P.M. Present were council members Robinson, Faga, Cavin, DeNeve, Weiermann. Mayor Roger Pawlak was absent. Mayor protem Faga called the meeting to order.

The council and Paul Thys, fire chief, discussed fire department affairs and finances.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

The city council met in special session at the fire station at 7:00 P.M. Present were council members Robinson, Cavin, Faga, DeNeve, and Weiermann. Mayor Roger Pawlak was absent. Mayor protem Faga called the meeting to order.

The council met with township trustees of the Victor area fire district and members of the fire department. Trustees were present as follows from the townships in the Victor Area Fire District: Lincoln (Poweshiek); Warren. No one was present from Hartford; Lincoln (Iowa), and Honey Creek. The weather was bad which probably was the reason for the lower than usual attendance at this meeting.

The trustees reviewed the fire department financial report dated December 31, 2009 (balance in the fire fund \$36,082), the minutes of the city council-trustee meeting held January 26, 2009, and the fire chief's report.

Fire Chief Paul Thys reported:

1. Incidents. There were 38 total incidents last year: 15 wild land; 3 HAZMAT, 10 QRS assist, 3 false alarm, 5 rural structure, 2 city structure.
2. Fire Prevention Activities. The fire department sponsored the Battery Up program with the American Red Cross to provide free batteries for smoke detectors.
3. Certification and Training. The fire department has 22 active members. Sixteen are trained at the FFI level, two at the FFII level, and seven are a First Responder or EMT. The number of active members is down, and finding future firefighters is a concern. The fire department has done an excellent job of training its firefighters and keeping the training records up to date.
4. Equipment. The new 4x4 brush truck started its service in June 2009. The truck is reliable and safe. The next vehicle replacement will be the 1984 tanker. The department has submitted a money grant application for new turn out gear.
5. Five year plan. Recruit new firefighters; replace 1984 tanker; stress safety of the firefighters with up-to-date gear, tools, and training.

6. 2010 budget. \$18,155 plus save \$20,000 towards replacement of the 1984 tanker truck.

All trustees and city council members agreed to keep the fire department property tax levy at 40.5 cents per one thousand dollars of valuation for the year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

The next city council meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at city hall.

Fred Stiefel, city clerk