

North Branch City Council

Work Session

Date of Meeting: April 3, 2014

Present: Councilmembers: Ronald Lindquist, Theresa Furman, Kathy Blomquist, Joyce Borchardt, and Trent Jensen.

Also Present: City Administrator Konrad, Public Works Director Williams, Fire Chief Grote, Police Chief Meyer. Representatives from township boards.

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Fire Service Meeting with the Townships

Konrad had everyone introduce themselves. Fire Chief Grote provided overview of maintenance and equipment needs for the year. Grote and Council discussed the needed pumper and whether there is a way to purchase a used one. Konrad indicated that the five-year contracts are up this year so during the summer there will be discussion regarding updating the contracts and the proposed new contracts will be brought to Council this fall. Lindquist asked if there are a certain percentage of firefighters that have to be available to man the station during the day. Grote stated that the City has six firefighters within the city to respond during the day. There was a question about whether Harris would maintain mutual aid. Grote indicated that the mutual aid contract is in place with Harris.

III. Police Department Award Policy

Police Chief Meyer outlined the proposed award policy. The goal is to identify and define criteria and establish formal nomination process for staff or citizens that go above and beyond. Council and staff discussed the proposed makeup of a committee and agreed to keep the committee small. There was discussion on how to define heroism and a determination that you cannot define heroism. The Council feels this is a feel good program and agreed with the staff recommendation.

Furman asked if anyone is going to the League of Minnesota Cities conference in June and said she would like to go. She would like the City to pay the hotel as well. Council agreed.

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Furman to adjourn.

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridgitte Konrad, City Administrator
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