

## Informal Council Discussion

October 17, 2011

Present: Mayor Bob Brunkhorst, Councilmembers Boorum, Grace and Lieb were present.

Absent: Dick Lindell, Kathy Olson, Tim Kangas: 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Council seat vacant:

Due to the lack of a quorum an official Council Meeting was not held.

Jim Rodemeyer, of Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, informed Council that the Housing Fund grant is to rehabilitate owner-occupied housing unit up to Iowa's Minimum Housing Rehabilitation Standards. Program requirements include home ownership, outside the 100-year flood plain, connection to City water and sewer and total household income below 80% of the median county income. The City will have to select a housing committee that includes City staff and citizens from the community. The funding is a forgivable loan to the homeowner after 5 years. Funds from previous housing rehab programs have been returned to the City and will be used for the local match for the proposed upcoming project. The City has received grant funding for two previous projects and the program is very competitive. The City qualifies for funding if 6% of homes in a target area meet the need for rehabilitation. The Housing Committee would meet to select the target area, identify how many homes for said funding and make recommendations to Council.

Mr. Rodemeyer stated that for the second item under regular business on the agenda the City placed a lien on a property from the last Rehab project and a second lien was also placed against the property. INRCOG has advised the City to release the first lien and subordinate the second lien.

The Council discussed items that couldn't be acted upon this meeting that will have to be addressed at the Study Session meeting.

Police Chief Pursell reviewed the Captain Don Eggleston's Letter of Commendation to Officer Dave Lindley. Officer Lindley's patrol vehicle was struck head-on at the intersection of 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW. Officer Lindley was recognized for his professionalism, compassion, selflessness and integrity.

Council reviewed Boards and Commission minutes.

Council adjourned at 7:25 P. M.