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**CITY OF MINNESOTA LAKE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 26, 2022**

**Attending:** Mayor Jeff Ramsley, Richard Staloch, Edie More, Joan Proehl, Lon Stenzel.

**City Staff: City Maint.:** Michael Bammert, Dylan Groskreutz; **Police:** Ben Standahl; **City Clerk:** Dawn Whitehead; **Maple River Messenger:** Tamara Dicks; **Senator:** Gene Dornink.

Mayor Jeff Ramsley called to order the Regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None

**Fire Dept (FD):** Dave M was absent. Council reviewed his report. June: Fire call-1, Med. Assist-1, CO2-1. Grass Rig still unscheduled. Eave on west addition of Fire Hall needs repair. Truck #251 AC Clutch repair. Training: Water Rescue (SASCS). Submitted CFS training grant and Grain Rescue equipment. FD Relief Pork Chop supper 7/31 from 4p-8p.

**Richard motion to approve payment to Crysteel for \$5,000 to purchase the Grass Rig flatbed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edie, motion carried.**

**Ambulance:** No department report. Jeff stated the Expert Billing seems to be slow to bill some patients. Dave R will be doing some analysis.

**Police Dept (PD):** Council reviewed Ben's report. There were 67 calls for service. Attended electric vehicle training. Freedom Run went without issues. Nicholas Bruns, as PT Police Officer passed background phase and on roster now. Water pump on Tahoe replaced (warranty), washer motor replaced (not warranty). Extra Officers for Festag were arranged, but becoming more difficult to find PT help.

Jeff reviewed the Ordinance 2022-1 Amend Provisions of Section 720 Predatory Offender Restrictions. It was suggested to add to Designated Predatory Offender definition "any offender who's victim was less than 16 years". Council discussed tabling Ordinance while Council gets additional clarification on being able to make exceptions. Ben cautioned the Council that he's found no other cities that have language that allows predatory offenders to plead their case to council. Ben recommends the Council adopt the Ordinance as stated. **Joan made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2022-1 to Amend Provisions of Section 720 of the Minnesota Lake City Code Regarding Predatory Offender Residency Restrictions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motion carried.**

Edie addressed the lack of cell phone service during Festag and the situation that occurred when there was a serious medical emergency. Edie spoke with Sheriff Mike Gormley and he was going to research options. Contacting Verizon may be necessary. Edie thanked Ben for a good job done during Festag. Next year Ben will try to get a cell phone antenna trailer.

Ben spoke with the Faribault & Blue Earth County Attorneys for all criminal proceedings. Currently the City Attorney handles all legal issues. Jeff stated that there have been conflicts of interest with City Attorney and resident representatives. Also currently the city attorney is not a prosecuting attorney.

Council discussed options for city attorney. There is no current agreement with Frundt, as it has expired. Richard suggested inviting Frundt to August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Kremer House:** Mike stated the water softener wasn't working and was repaired and working fine now.

**Public Works (PW):** Mike stated the Water tower is now repaired, filled and working. Pearson was here today to seal coat of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Higbie West and Mill Ave. Moore's Construction bid for repairing 3 catch basins totaled \$10,300. The one on 5<sup>th</sup> isn't emergency quite yet so it could wait. Storm water has budget of

\$10,000. **Eddie made a motion to approve repairing 2 catch basins and curbs on south side of 32 Main St S, and north side of 14 Minnesota Ave E for \$3,300 each, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan, motion carried.**

Pond was treated again on the 18<sup>th</sup>, but not as effective. Shelter is repaired. Repaired 1435 Lawn Mower-spindles and blades. Talked to Ozz Landscaping to fix landscaping on Hwy 22 S Minnesota Lake sign - \$300 to reset.

Ron Fischer from City of Waldorf asked if PW would spray for mosquitos. Mike suggested to charge \$200 each time. **Richard made a motion to approve charging the City of Waldorf for spraying for mosquitos for \$200 each time, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie, motion carried.**

Joan asked who is responsible for keeping the playground clear of weeds? Mike stated they have sprayed a couple of time, but they popping back up. The sandbox will need to be tilled up too.

Mike had accident with wheel loader, claim submitted to insurance - \$9,500. Deductible is \$500.

CFS repaired the diesel pump at no charge.

**Clerk's Report:** Dawn stated City received the following monies: 1<sup>st</sup> half Faribault Cty Levy- \$181,679.48 and \$812.88 Solar. City properties sold by County auction - \$7,788.89, \$35,188.88 in ARPA funds (2<sup>nd</sup> payment), and \$98,772.50 in LGA.

Applied/Received the Aquatic Plant Mgmt Permit.

MnDOT Hwy 22 Update – Matt Thibert called. He will try to get the Final Agreement to Council by September's Council meeting; this is the follow-up to the "Intent to Participate" Resolution. Bid prices have gone up from when he spoke to Council earlier this spring. The bids were at \$5,500, now up to \$9,000. This is sanitary sewer casing work that may need to be done that is City's responsibility. Must be paid in advance (probably in January) and a credit or additional invoice will be generated after work is complete. If an additional amount is due it will be for additional casing, not a higher price for agreed upon work.

August meeting rescheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

##### **Construction Permits-**

- #2022-20 Matt Watkins – 27 9<sup>th</sup> Ave - replace roof – n/c
- American Legion – South side entrance & concrete–First approved 11/2019 – Extension n/c

##### **Invoices-**

- Central Tank Coatings– repair/epoxy water tower – \$45,00.00 (\$3,000 additional)
- Ron's Plumbing, HVAC & Elec – Kremer House air conditioner - \$4,075.12
- Tri-City Sewer 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Sewer Billing - \$13,814.37

**Joan motion to approve the Central Tank Coatings invoice of \$45,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie, motion carried.**

**Lon made a motion to approve the Consent agenda minus the Central Tank Invoice and Ordinance 2022-1, to include the June 27, 2022 minutes, the Claims paid and Claims to be paid (Jeff Ramsley reviewed), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard , motion carried.**

**Unfinished Business:** Council reviewed the Public Meeting Rules of Decorum Policy. **Eddie made a motion to approve the Public Meeting Rules of Decorum Policy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard, motion carried.**

**New business:** Per open meeting rules if council is attending virtually, the address, even their residence, needs to be published with meeting notice and members of public are allowed to join the councilmember.

**Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard , motion carried unanimously.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk/Treasurer