
**CITY OF MINNESOTA LAKE
ACCEPTED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 10, 2020**

Council Attending: Mayor Jeff Ramsley; Council: Edie More, Joan Proehl, Richard Staloch, Lon Stenzel via phone.

City Staff: **City Maintenance-** John Hawker & Saxon Warmka; **City Clerk:** Dawn Whitehead

Others Attending: **MnLake Fire Dept-**Dave Malakowsky; **Mn Lake Ambulance:** Dave Radtke; **MnLake Tribune-** Don Kain; **Kremer House-**Peg Sonnek. **Citizens:**

Mayor Ramsley called to order the City Council meeting at 6: 01 p.m.

Fire Department (FD) –Dave Malakowsky explained expenditures from SASCS for training \$1700 Grain Bin Rescue & Ropes and Knots, MSFDA dues \$175. There was 1 CO call & 1 vehicle accident call.

Community Service: Fire Prevention week at MR East School.

- Meeting room remodel scheduled for Nov. FD will be seeking bids on grass rig replacement & Jaws of Life.
- Changed all batteries on all SCBS's/Air packs.
- Pump #251 replacement scheduled to Kirvida Fire on 1/10/21 until 1/15/21 for installation of pump, transmission & foam injector.
- FD shirts will be ordered in December, and Compeer Grant & Gear Dryer grant are still in process.

Joan made a motion for purchase shirts for FD at \$750, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Ambulance Department: Dave Radtke stated September = 14 BLS runs. MAA Leadership training began 11/5 for officers. Nicki Kutz was re-elected as Co-Captain and Shonny Ertman was re-elected as Secretary. Rattle in patient compartment is coming from under floor. Need to tint patient compartment windows.

- Officer selection at Nov. meeting for Co-Captain Director & Secretary. **Edie made a motion to accept the election of Nicole Kutz as Co-Captain and LaShonda Ertman as Secretary, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.**
- Staffing: 4 EE's out for COVID protocol & 2 EE's out on medical LOA.

Joan relayed that community member was appreciative that ambulance crew member reached out to them after caring for a loved one on an ambulance call.

Mayor outlined the new state-wide restrictions in regards to COVID-19 as given by Governor Walz. Jeff asked Ben for clarity on who enforces businesses that are not wearing masks, local law enforcement or the State.

Police Department (PD) – Ben stated there were 106 calls of service. Scheduled Hawk Alarm about system for Kremer on 11/15.

Laramie Lawson from Mapleton PD applied for PT position. He has all of his training & other items completed for employment. **Richard made a motion to approve the hiring of Laramie Lawson as a part-time Police Officer, 2nd by Lon, motion carried.**

Ben passed out glow sticks at Maple River East prior to Halloween, at the Candy Launch and on Halloween- about 40 left. Community members appreciated it.

Public Works (PW)– Rented a pay loader from Mike Swehla to move compost piles around at the dump.

Water Dept.- The wells were inspected by McCarthy Well Co. and both passed inspection.

- Fixed 3 hydrants that have been leaking, without digging them up - Mn Rural Water assisted at no charge. Made hydrant markers that will stay on year-round.

Park Dept. – Leaf pickup is done at Park & Cemetery. Jeff’s neighbor put leaves in street but didn’t pick them up. Ben stated he did warn them, but the City picked them up before the bad weather this week.

Kremer House –Peg emailed that the Historical Society did not meet on the 9th, but will meet next week. Bernie Sonnek continues to build the gun cabinet.

Clerk’s Report–

All business interruption grants have been disbursed except to Dynamic Duo, LLC. They’ve not responded to emails or phone calls. Remaining amount unspent of CARES Act funding is \$4,671.87 which includes the \$3,000 grant funds to the Dynamic Duo. Jeff asked Dawn to give them until Thursday at noon or they will lose the funding. **Eddie made a motion to approve the allocation of the remaining CARES Act funds to payroll expenditure of CARES Act funds for COVID-19 related payroll expenses in the amount of up to \$4,671.87, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.**

Dawn met with Kelsey from Wells CCF to discuss plans for bank building and the possible donation to City. CCF is also giving City and some other businesses remote deposit machines to use at no charge. Jeff asked for monthly/yearly utilities & insurance for the building. How much taxes are generated by the CCF property for the City and what is the condition of building, and roof’s age?

Richard will be absent on December 8th for the Truth in Taxation meeting. The December Regular Council meeting was moved to December 15th.

Consent Agenda:

Construction Permits: none

Invoices: Neilsen’s Blacktopping - \$42,965.00

Daly 2021 Land Lease Agreement

Lon made a motion to approve the Prairieland Waste Delivery Agreement for 2021-2025, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Dawn stated that the County is canvassing for election results on Thursday and official results will be sent so Council will certify results in December.

Ambulance Wages for 11/1/2019-10/31/2020

Eddie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda less the Prairieland Waste Delivery Agreement, less the Certification of Election, less CARES Funding, including October 13, 2020 Regular Council minutes, Receipts, Claims paid (Richard reviewed) and Claims to be paid, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.


New Business:

Joan thanked Don Kain for his thank you letter for the Business Interruption Grant.

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 PM, 2nd by Eddie, motion carried unanimously.



Mayor



City Clerk/Treasurer