

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday April 20, 2021
2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tuorila called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Tuorila, Councilmembers Larry Pitts, Dan Strand, Tim Zaren and John Vaudrin.
Also present: Clerk April Serich. Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal could not attend because of an emergency with the water tower and pump house computer.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions of approving Resolution #21-04-20 in support of transfer of real property from the City of Calumet to Bruce Tholen at Care Cab North LLC, LMC \$14,600 premium and discuss the issues at the burn pile, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the minutes of the March regular meeting, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the minutes of the March special meetings, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the March Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$28,666.69, Disbursements \$49,505.67, Investments \$23,810.88 and total checking balance \$244,607.56, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. Discussion about paying retirees BC/BS and dental in the WWTP bill. Clerk Serich will check with Bonnie Sterle.

Motion by Zaren to approve and adopt Resolution #21-04-20 a resolution in support of transfer of real property from the City of Calumet to Bruce Tholen at Care Cab North LLC with the corrected proposed exhibit A=proposed parcel A and proposed parcel B on the contract for deed dated Nov. 30, 2018 Doc#T000065227, seconded by Pitts. Upon roll call vote taken, the following voted: For: Councilmembers Pitts, Zaren, Strand and Vaudrin, Mayor Tuorila; Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the Bruce Tholen-Care Cab North LLC new balloon payment date as Dec. 1, 2022 and to sign the needed paper work from Itasca Co, Bruce Tholen, All American Title Co or Kent Nyberg to straighten out the contract for deed property, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that there is nothing going on right now.

Cemetery Bd: Pitts reported no meeting.

MCWWTP: Strand reported that they are moving along. Marble will be getting in touch with companies to get estimates for building a new treatment plant. They will also ask their attorney John Licke to see what changes need to be made as far as an agreement. Attorney Brian Bengtson will also be involved for the City of Calumet.

RAMS: Mayor Tuorila reported that Steve Giorgi sent him information about CBDG grant funds will be available for cities with applications due June 1st.

WMMPB: MNDOT representative stated that there is no hope for modifying the Co. 12 and #169 intersection at this time. Maybe when work is done on Co. 12 something different could be done then. Mayor Tuorila testified to the House of Representatives by zoom for completing the last 8 miles of the

Cross Range Expressway. It is very hard to get on the MNDOT 10 yr. plan. Discussion about the safety upgrades on Hwy #169, they are putting sidewalks on both sides of #169 between Gary St. and Morgan St. with bump outs. The project starts May 17 and should be completed by Sept. 11.

Library: Librarian Melanie Lefebvre discussed the "Take A Five" project that they would like to do at 916 Gary St. along the bike trail. They would like to put a shelter, tables, bike rack, water fountain, little free library and a bench in memory of Dogger Serich. This would be used for library summer story hour events, a rest area for bike trail users as well as area residents. Discussion about the siding and shingles for the garage on the city property. The city would continue to maintain the property. The council approves applying to the Blandin Foundation for grant money for this project. Linda Gibeau will be contacted. Melanie discussed the \$3,000 Arrowhead Library Art Grant that she is receiving. It will cover the cost of two benches and a metal eagle made by Ken Steel. Council approved putting the benches, plaques and metal eagle on city property.

Motion by Pitts to approve the memorandum of understanding on the benches with the ALS for the library art grant, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Police Services Report: 15.5 hours in March.

Comments and Requests from the Floor:

Department Reports:

Public Works: Bob was unable to attend do to an emergency at the pump house and water tower.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Update: No Shut off notices were issued. There are 7 customers that are far behind. Statements were sent to all residents along with a newsletter.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Demo is on hold because of the Governor's NO evictions order.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the transfer of tax forfeited property at 241 2nd Ave (Finken) from Itasca Co to the City of Calumet, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the Longrie property cost of \$1,400. No action taken.

Discussed the issues on 9th Ave. No action taken.

Discussed the rentals that have trees cut down. The Street Dept. can pick them up.

Discussed May Clean up time. Clerk Serich will put an ad in the paper and then letters can be sent for blight clean-up.

Discussed the large sink hole on 6th Ave in front of Nick Matanich's house. Clerk Serich will call Casper Construction about fixing this and get clarification on who is paying for it.

New Business:

Motion by Tuorila to approver and sign the Revised MNDOT observation well agreement on 4th Ave west of Gary St by the old city park, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

The old city park is no longer used and the Street Dept. can take the equipment out.

Tabled the use of compostable brown bags until next month when we will have prices.

Discussed the Radio Tower Building repairs. Motion by Tuorila to get an estimate for the roof repairs, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the possibility of an exotic pet store at the Calumet Chev building. No constricting reptiles are allowed in town.

A Thank You was received from First Call for Help.

The City of Calumet received notice that we are in compliance with Pay Equity.

Motion by Tuorila to pay the LMC liability insurance premium of \$14,606.00, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the issues at the burn pile and closing it down. Mayor Tuorila will contact the fire dept. about what is necessary to burn it.

Discussed having a work session on projects that need to be done and writing up work orders for them.

Bob Hoshal joined the meeting to update the council on the communication issues between the watertower and pump house. Rick from NOS stated that the boxes need to be replaced. They are the original ones installed with the tower. Bob will need to check the tank levels and run the pumps by hand until he gets the replacement parts.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor