Regular Calumet City Council Meeting

Calumet City Council Room

Tuesday December 17, 2024

2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tim Zaren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Mayor Tim Zaren, Councilmembers Dan Strand, Barbara Banks. Amanda Hernesman arrived at 2:30 p.m. Absent: Nick Porter. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal and Street Mnt. Worker Bill Berger, Mike Troop and Steve Serich.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Banks to approve the November regular meeting minutes with the correction that the Greenway Rec. Bd. owns the arena, not #316 school, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Strand to approve the November Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts $15,181.45, Disbursements $64,096.31, Investments $11,599.85 and total checking balance $411,963.82, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich reviewed the MCWW billing and stated that the disbursement total used for the breakdown is not accurate when there is money going into the investments, the investments need to be deducted first before the split of costs to each city and will talk to Patti and Sarah to discuss it. Also find out when the next MCWW meeting will be.

Motion by Strand to approve and adopt Resolution #24-12-17 a resolution approving, adopting and certifying the Final Property Tax Levy for 2025 with a 5% increase over 2024 at $237,464 seconded by Banks, upon vote taken, for: Zaren, Strand and Banks. Opposed: none, Absent Porter and Hernesman. Resolution was duly passed and adopted.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports**:

Greenway Recreation Board: Strand reported that the meeting will be later today.

Cemetery Bd: No report.

WMMPB: Zaren reported that there will be no pumping in the Canesteo this winter. IEDC gave an update on helping small businesses. The 2025 priority list was discussed. The 2025 budget is the same as 2024 at $10,000. The meetings will be on the second Thursday at 5:30 in Marble.

Public Works Report: Strand thanked Bill Berger for the good job sanding. Bob Hoshal stated that he is glad to be back to work and thanked the council for continuing to pay his medical insurance and he will pay his portion in full from his 1st full paycheck in January.

Library Report: Librarian Melanie Lefebvre reported that the library has many events going on and the GHS Raider Singers are coming tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to put on a performance.

**Unfinished Business:**

Utility Shut-offs: No letters were sent out. Clerk Serich will be out of the office at the end of the month. Statements will be sent out in January and then shut off notices.

Update on Blight: There were some vehicles towed, and Taylor moved the van, so it didn’t need to be towed. They still need to clean up their yard. Jessica Hoshal needs to remove the white goods on the right of way of Morgan St. Clerk Serich will check on an attorney for the criminal prosecutions.

The council wants Clerk Serich to set up a meeting with Auditor Bonnie Sterle in January to review the budget and financial issues with the new council.

Amanda Hernesman arrived at 2:30 p.m.

Engineer: Tabled Meyer Group Engineers agreement for city hall/library projects.

Update on Radio Tower: We are still waiting for SBA to make payment to Everest so it can be finalized.

Update on Bank Building: The council directed Clerk Serich to contact a realtor to sell the building.

**New Business:**

Motion by Strand to approve the 2025 worker’s comp premium $4,582, seconded by Banks, M/C.

Motion by Zaren to approve the 2025 Minnesota Rural Water dues $450 and discussed their services, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the 2025 Itasca County prosecution agreement for $1,000, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve a $160 ½ page ad in the Greenway High School yearbook, seconded by Hernesman, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Hernesman to approve the 2024 Clerk’s mileage reimbursement $318 and the Treasurer’s mileage reimbursement $482.40, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the LMC Safety and Loss Control Regional meetings that are required for city workers and the OSHA grant for a snowblower attachment. No action is needed today but will be discussed next month.

Tabled Bovey’s Farmer’s Day donation request.

Tim Zaren thanked all for allowing him to serve on the council and everyone thanked him for serving. This was his last meeting.

Discussed the Hill Annex Mine Club House items and meeting.

Discussed what to do with the VFW color guard uniforms, etc. that were upstairs in the closet on the stage. Strand said to throw them out. The council said to keep them and store them in the basement.

Paul Bunyan Franchise fees will be due this spring. Clerk Serich will send them an invoice.

Discussed the different boards for appointments next month.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Next meeting Jan. 21, 2025 @ 5:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk Mike Troop, Mayor