

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting  
Calumet City Council Room  
Tuesday April 15, 2025  
5:00 P.M.

Mayor Mike Troop led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Mike Troop called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Mike Troop, Councilmembers Dan Strand, Barbara Banks and Steve Serich. Absent: Amanda Hernesman. Also present: Clerk April Serich and Engineer Alan Johnson.

Two letters of interest were received for the vacant council position. Evan Petz and Nicholas Porter both spoke to the council and after a discussion with a vote, Motion by Troop to adopt and approve Resolution #25-4-15 a resolution declaring Amanda Hernesman's council member position vacant and appoint Nicholas Porter to fill the unexpired term until December 31, 2026, seconded by Banks, upon vote taken, for: Troop, Strand, Banks and Serich. Opposed: none. Resolution was duly passed and adopted. Clerk Serich gave Nick Porter the oath of office and he joined the council.

Motion by Strand to approve the additions to the agenda-add the increased cost of Julie's Jungle \$20,000 and Ball field upgrades \$5,000 and apply for a donation from Mesabi Metallica, Day of Caring services \$200, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Serich to approve the March reg. meeting minutes, seconded by Troop, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Banks to approve the March Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$43,142.95, Disbursements \$79,148.76, Investments \$12,606.56 and total checking balance \$156,263.72, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports:**

Comments and Requests from the floor: Iron Range Soccer is interested in having a city cleanup day service for \$250- \$300 towards their program and they are also requesting to use the land where the old skating rink was for a possible soccer field. Strand wants them to cleanup from Cattail Rd to Mud Lake and south of Calumet. Motion by Troop to approve \$300 for Iron Range Soccer city cleanup service with the city providing bags and to approve the use of the land for a soccer field if they take care of the lines and they have insurance, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried. May 21 or 22.

Lee Ramsey requested a zoning permit to put a 12x24 addition on the west side of his house at 632 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and a 12x12 addition on the north side, Lee Ramsey also requested a zoning permit for TLK Restoration at 615 or 617 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Buckmaster Rd. to put a 16x25 ft. addition on the north side of the house. Motion by Troop to approve these zoning permits, seconded by Banks, all in favor, M/C.

Engineer: Alan Johnson from Bolten & Menk will be submitting the PPL/IUP application to be able to get WIF funding that could be matched with IRRR funding. The city is not committing to doing the projects but could be able to get 1-2% low interest rates as well as Congressional Directed Spending Funds.

We discussed the city hall updates. The sidewalk is broken from Range Cornice. We need to set up a meeting to discuss it as well as the drain, furnaces and electrical with Meyer Group Engineering.

Aaron Michels introduced himself and the council discussed the agreement for prosecuting the city blight issues. Motion by Strand to approve the 5 yr. plan for \$1,000 a month starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Serich, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich will get the agreement signed and send it back.

Greenway Recreation Board: Strand stated that the meeting is next Monday.

Cemetery Bd: Banks stated that the meeting is Wednesday and Nick Porter will be on the board. He will also be an alternate on the Greenway Joint Fire Board.

WWTPB: Banks stated that the next meeting will be a public hearing on April 23 @ 1:30 p.m. in Marble.

WMMPB: Serich reported that Doug Learmont explained about the mineral rights in the area.

Library: Librarian Melanie Lefebvre reported that the Annual Tea Party Fundraiser will be April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. The city-wide garage sales will be May 16 & 17, the library will also be having a bake sale and hot dog lunch as well as a garage sale. We are accepting donations but no clothes.

Public Works Report: Bob was not working, and Bill could not make it. Bill has been working on the dug outs at the ball field.

Motion by Porter to approve and adopt Resolution #25-4-15-2 a resolution applying for and accepting \$250,000 Blandin grants for the extra cost of the brick repair on city hall, a community garden and fixing up the old bank building, seconded by Troop, upon vote taken, for: Troop, Strand, Banks, Serich and Porter, Opposed: none. Resolution was duly passed and adopted.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

Utility Shut-offs: 22 statement letters were sent out.

Update on Blight: Nuisance code violations were discussed with NPD.

#### **New Business:**

Motion by Troop to approve council members and employees who want to go to the LMC Annual Conference June 26-28, \$275 registration plus hotel and mileage, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried. Banks, Clerk Serich and possibly Treasurer Garner and Librarian Lefebvre will attend.

Evan Petz discussed possible areas to put a community garden. We could rent out spots. We will work on how many lots and other details for the budget. There are a few spots to check out. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Habitat for Humanity lots, tax forfeit lots and across from Take a Five Park. Clerk Serich will call and check on it.

Motion by Troop to approve the new Federal Fire Siren at the water tower property. Clerk Serich will check on the electric hook up, seconded by Banks, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Troop to approve LMC Safety & Loss Control Workshop April 22 in Virginia \$20 each for Bob & Bill, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve having 3 roll off dumpsters \$200 each for delivery and \$100 per ton disposal fees from WM May 23-27 for Calumet Clean-up Days, 1 scrap dumpster from Scranton Iron, seconded by Troop, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the DNR lease agreement for the Depot building.

A special meeting for the city hall updates with Meyer Group Engineers and a closed special meeting for not public data on Monday April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Troop adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Mike Troop, Mayor