

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday May 21, 2024
2:00 P.M.

Mayor John Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Mayor John Tuorila, Councilmembers Tim Zaren, Dan Strand and Nick Porter. Absent: Amanda Hernesman. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal & Public Works MW Bill Berger.

Guests: Matt Shermoen, IEDC, Jordan Schaefer, DNR-Hill Annex and Sarah Carling, CEDA

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions-Discuss the Nashwauk Keewatin Wastewater Joint Powers Board, approve the rental of chairs from the Depot building, approve getting rid of the surplus inventory (piano, bar, computers), discuss the Benchmark Engineering bill \$41,395.79, seconded Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the April regular and special meeting minutes with the correction- \$50,000 instead of \$500,000 for the Radio Tower money description, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Strand to approve the April Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$36,906.75, Disbursements \$66,212.86, Investments \$9,844.28 and total checking balance \$305,792.96, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

2:15 p.m. IEDC Presentation by Matt Shermoen in place of Tamara Lowney. He described the services that are provided by the Itasca Economic Development Corporation.

Sarah Carling from CEDA discussed the many changes that have happened since the beginning of the city's projects planning. The focus needs to be identified. She thinks the city needs to have a facility study/plan done for the city hall and bank building. Then we can make educated decisions and identify grants. The top priority should be the city hall roof.

Motion by Strand to approve the Meyer Group to do a facility study for the city hall/library and bank building for \$25,000, if we can get funding for it, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried. Sarah contacted Scott about the wood chips and playground equipment at Julie's Jungle. She suggested that we invest more by putting in a plastic border to hold the chips in. The swirl slide is cracked and needs to be replaced. We need to set up a work session to discuss the projects. Sarah will contact April with some dates.

Motion by Porter to approve and adopt Resolution #24-05-21, a resolution appointing Mayor John Tuorila to the Ambulance Joint Powers Board, seconded by Zaren, upon vote taken, For: Tuorila, Zaren, Strand and Porter, Opposed: none. Absent: Hernesman. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. The next meeting is May 29th.

Jordan Schaefer, DNR stated that the Hill Annex Mine State Park is going to be abolished so mining can resume. Next Hill Annex group meeting will be May 31st at 9:00 a.m. in the Calumet Council Room. He stated that the City of Calumet will have the first opportunity at receiving the displays and things in the club house museum. Some items are owned by the Itasca County Historical Society and will be given back to them. We will have time to make decisions. John Westguard, the Discovery Center, and the

Mining Museum are interested in the items also. Clerk Serich will ask James Scheff for permission to move the equipment across his property. After the next meeting we can tour the museum/club house. Within 3-5 years Calumet Reclamation will be pumping the pit water.

Comments as complaints from the floor: Complaint from David and Wendy Chupurdia about water in their driveway. They need 2 bucket loads of Class 5. Also discussed the dog ordinance and who to call about issues. They were told to call the Sheriff's Dept. if dogs bite or are aggressive.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd. Strand reported that baseball and softball for boys and girls has joined with Nashwauk. The front door of the arena will cost \$60,000 to replace. There are 2 cameras in the concession area, 1 in the lobby and 3 in the hallway by the locker room. They approved a roller-skating program for July, Aug. & Sept.

Cemetery Bd: Nick Porter reported that they are looking at buying a side by side & hiring summer help. WMMPB: Tuorila and Zaren reported that Larry Lehtinen gave a presentation about Maglron at plant 4. It will create 150 jobs and they have enough product for 296 years with the new process with an 80% recovery rate. The pumping of the pit water has stopped now. Senator Tina Smith's representative talked about Federal money for projects.

Mayor Tuorila attended a Nashwauk Keewatin Joint Wastewater Board meeting. They want to know what Calumet and Marble are going to do. We need to have a discussion with the City of Marble about the treatment plant-rebuilding current plant, pond system or connect with Nashwauk.

Public Works Report: Hoshal reported that he ordered 2 loads of Class 5. Strand stated that there is garbage on the East side along Hwy #169 that needs to be picked up. They filled 2 potholes on 9th Ave. with tar. Bill has been checking the city hall roof and it has not been leaking.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut-offs: 16 shut-off letters were sent. Discussion about changing the ordinance so people can be shut off sooner and don't have to wait until after the council meeting. Marble has a door hanger fee of \$25 and they get shut off after 4 days of non-payment. Ask the attorney to check on what we can do to get people to pay sooner.

Update on Blight: Clerk Serich discussed the process for sending code violation notices for all blight issues. Mayor Tuorila will talk to the Sheriff Joe Dasovich about enforcing our blight and animal ord.

Update on Radio Tower: No update. The sale is still in due diligence period.

Hiring summer workers was tabled until next month.

After a discussion about hiring a summer temporary community service officer, Motion by Tuorila to approve the agreement with the Sheriff's Department and the temporary agency to hire an officer for 14 hours a week @ \$372.40, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried. The city paid Nashwauk \$2,200 a month for 20 hours.

New Business:

Motion by Strand to approve the Clerk Serich's mileage reimbursement for \$338.41, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

The Itasca County Sheriff's Office gave us a weather radio to use in the library.

Mn Power sent a letter about a rate increase.

A group asked the clerk to use the baseball field for volleyball and the council said go ahead and use the old skating rink.

Clerk Serich asked if the council would approve renting out chairs from the Depot building only. The council approved renting out chairs for \$1 a chair with a maximum of \$25 pick up Friday and return Monday.

The council approved the bar, piano, computers, etc. & TV stand as surplus inventory to be disposed of.

Rodney Garner has an unlicensed vehicle on jacks for an extended period of time with fluids running down the street and his yard is full. A code violation will be sent.

Tabled the Benchmark Engineering bill until next month.

Bob Hoshal talked to the council about private medical issues.

Mayor John Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor