

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday July 16, 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 and Itasca County Engineer Ryan Sutherland.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions-Approve \$200,000 partial payment to Itasca County for the Gary Street project; approve the estimate for a mini excavator to clear out some ditches with the FEMA grant and approve a fence zoning permit for Lee Ramsey 632 6th Ave, seconded Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the June regular meeting minutes, seconded by Porter, all in favor, M/C.

Ryan Sutherland, Itasca County Engineer gave an update on the Gary St. project. Casper Construction got a late start, then one block of water main needed to be added to the project, then they had bad water samples from the temporary water lines. They will be done with the water and sewer this week and next week testing for leaks and then start removing sidewalks. The flagpole by city hall needs a sleeve put in. The project should all be done by August 13th. There are bike tour rides Aug. 10th and 17th and then the Kid's and Cars in the Park Car & Bike Show is Aug. 24th up at and around the Mine Park. Motion by Tuorila to approve a change of ¾ inch to 1 inch water line to the curb stop at 931 Gary St. Simunovich Beauty Shop building, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed that residents have requested curb cut outs for driveways on Gary St. The council said no not any on Gary St. The first three light poles from #169 need to stay because of the power lines attached. There will be two- 20-amp receptacles on the cabinet by the city shop.

Motion by Strand to approve the June Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$17,300.34, Disbursements \$66,321.93, Investments \$9,847.05 and total checking balance \$318,555.47, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried. There was a discussion about the WWPT bills. Investments should be deducted from the disbursement amount before it is split.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd. Strand reported that Range Cornice will start on the roof the last week of July for \$140,000. Rubber flooring will be put in the locker room hallway and the ceiling tiles will be replaced. 75-80 signed up for roller skating.

Cemetery Bd: No report.

WMMPB: Tuorila reported that Larry Sutherland from Mesabi Metallics was at the meeting giving an update on the mining. He said they should be making the product by September 2025. The next Hill Annex group meeting will be held at the end of July and Jordan said an asset list is being developed.

MCWWTP: Zaren reported that there is no change. The legislature funding will be at the end of the year. It is looking like it will be a pond system.

Facility Study meeting: Discussed the bank building. It is costing the city money. Mayor Tuorila doesn't think we should open up a museum in the bank building. Discussed where we will put the items from the clubhouse museum. Possibly put them in the Depot building. The council decided that they are not

interested in moving items from the clubhouse to the bank building. They want to rent it out. The council wants Clerk Serich to contact Sarah Carling to help us put the building up for rent. In the future possibly sell it and have it back on the tax rolls.

Comments as complaints from the floor:

Public Works Report: Bob Hoshal received a letter from Thein Well that stated well #2 needs service and parts \$8,500. They are waiting for an estimate from MN Pump Works for replacing the check valves main lift station. The council said to go ahead with the maintenance.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Shut-offs: 14 shut-off letters were sent. Motion by Tuorila to approve a \$25 door hanger fee for shut offs 30 days after the bill is due.

Update on Blight: Notices will be sent to Red Rock Auto for too many cars over one year and some two years. It looks like a junk yard with items along garage too. The old Roadway building needs the grass mowed as well as Schneider's at 754 7th Ave. Darland's grass will be checked on.

Update on Radio Tower: The 90-day due diligence time is up. The title is taking time. The DNR easement for the service road to the tower is taking time. The environmental people said there was some kind of leak. The city guys said there is no leak. They want us to get a hold of At&t to have someone check it out. The phone number we have is not a working number. Clerk Serich will try to contact someone. Discussed making a new road to the tower on the platted city street. Jim Bougalis said he could put one in for us.

New Business:

Motion by Strand to approve a donation of \$300 to the Itasca County Historical Society, seconded by Porter, motion carried.

Discussed Franchise Fees Ordinance. The council will look it over and discuss it at the next meeting.

Motion by Strand to approve the partial payment to Itasca County for \$200,000 for the Gary Street project, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the MN Pump Works quote #57 to fix the check valves for the main lift station for \$8,145.90, seconded by Porter, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve renting a mini excavator for \$375 to dig the culverts and ditches on 9th Ave and Morgan St. as well as 3rd Ave and Corey St. and submit it to FEMA for grant funding.

The flagpole at the Take A Five Park was knocked over. Check with Bill.

No charge for Dale Worth because he is in the hospital and not able to live there. His water is shut off.

Discussed the quote for Julie's Jungle. No action taken now.

The council will hold a special meeting with the union representative and the employees at 9:00 a.m. July 17th to discuss employee Bob Hoshal's medical issues and not be able to work.

Mayor John Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor