

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday December 21, 2021
2:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro Tem Zaren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Tim Zaren, Councilmembers Larry Pitts, John Vaudrin and Dan Strand. Mayor John Tuorila by Zoom. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal and Street Maintenance worker Bill Berger.

Motion by Strand to approve the agenda with the additions of discussing and approving water damage in the city hall basement, transfers and prosecution agreement with the county, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve the minutes of the November regular and special (12/9) meeting, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the November Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$53,722.29, Disbursements \$34,054.21, Investments \$15,996.95 and total checking balance \$354,697.20, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve and adopt Resolution #21-12-21 a resolution designating the polling place for 2022 as the Itasca County Court House for regular elections and the Calumet Council room for special elections, upon vote taken, For: Zaren, Pitts, Strand, Vaudrin and Tuorila, Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Zaren to approve and adopt Resolution #21-12-21-2 a resolution to approve and accept donations \$9,770.71 Library & \$18,570.89 ARPA, upon vote taken, For: Zaren, Pitts, Strand, Vaudrin and Tuorila, Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Joint Fire Board: Zaren reported that the fire dept. is selling the pumper truck #1.

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that they are buying new cash registers for the concession stands. The MN Hockey League gave a 5 game suspension to each person that was fighting in the PeeWee locker room.

Cemetery Bd: Strand reported that everything is going good.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: Zaren reported that Mike Liljegren, DNR gave a slide presentation regarding the rising pit water in the Canesteeo open pit mine complex and the need for legislative authorization of funding to deal with it as a public safety issue. The 2022 Priority items are the Hill Annex State Park, Rising pit water, Highway #169 improvements between Taconite and Pengilly, and Fiscal Disparities.

Police Services Report: No Police reports. Clerk Serich will bring two months to the next meeting.

Allen from Benchmark Engineering was here to let us know they want to help us out. They will take a look in the spring at Morgan St. and give us an estimate.

Department Reports:

Public Works: Bob Hoshal reported that they needed to put a new cutting edge on the Dump truck for plowing.

Comments and Requests from the Floor:**Unfinished Business:**

Utility Update: 17 shut off notices were given out. Information about a water assistance program through Kootasca that pays delinquent water & sewer bills was given out also.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Bougalis, Inc. has demolished the Hoshal/Strey house at 739 7th ave. The fence is okay to leave there. The Darland house is in the court system waiting for a writ to be sent to the Sheriff's Dept. for physical eviction.

Blight Update: There is a couch outside at Adam Olson's Rental on Buckmaster Rd. The Wilson Duplex 8th Ave. has a lot of debris in the yard and people living in the basement. It's a single family rental license.

New Business:

Motion by Pitts to approve the purchase of a John Deere 331G Compact Track Loader from Northland Lawn, Sport & Equipment for \$51,555.35 with a down payment of \$6,555.35 from the equipment fund and finance \$45,000 through Sourcewell and the payments will be made out of the equipment fund, seconded by Vaudrin, motion carried.

Discussed selling or fixing the 2007 Chev pickup, 1989 Dodge boom truck, 1968 Chev dump truck, 1993 Toro lawnmower/snow blower and the old street sweeper.

Motion by Zaren to approve selling the 1968 Chev dump truck and the 1993 Toro lawn mower/snow blower to the highest responsible bidder, get estimates on the 2007 Chev pick up & 1989 Dodge boom truck repairs and keep the old street sweeper for now, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the bid \$3,345.07 from IRN on cameras at the Take a Five park. We don't need three cameras. Tuorila will talk to Dwayne at IRN for a new estimate.

Discussed the RAMS Ballot for Board of Directors. The council decided to vote for all but Norma Jean Jofs on the ballot. Larry Pitts is the designated board member to vote for the city.

Motion by Tuorila to check "Does not Waive" monetary tort liability on the LMC Insurance form, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the Scenic Range News rates for 2022, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the 2021 mileage and wreath reimbursement for Clerk April Serich \$92.20, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve the 2021 mileage reimbursement for Treasurer Mary Garner \$436.80, seconded by strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to certify the Final Property Tax Levy for 2022 at \$205,953 a 0% increase over 2021, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the purchase of a snow plow kit for the new 2022 Dodge RAM truck \$2,424.14 & light \$332.94, also Eck Design will put "City of Calumet" lettering on both sides of the truck for \$125, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the water damage in the basement and replacing the floor and base board molding. The molding has asbestos but not the floor. The council decided to leave the molding and replace the floor. Clerk Serich will contact the insurance claim adjuster.

Motion by Zaren to approve transfers from Radio Tower to General \$51,472.08 (new 2022 Dodge RAM truck) and transfer from Radio Tower to General Debt Service \$3,238.75 (street portion of SE Project loan payment interest), Water to General Debt Service \$2,429.06 (SE Project loan payment interest) and Sewer to General Debt Service \$2,429.06 (SE Project loan payment interest), seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the 2022 prosecution agreement with Itasca County, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

There was a fire at the Simunovich rental at 931 Gary St. Discussed landlords being required to have liability insurance on their rentals. Mayor Tuorila will contact the LMC to see what we can do.

The City of Calumet needs a State Building Code Inspector. Clerk Serich will put an ad in the paper.

Mayor Pro Tem Zaren adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m. Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Tim Zaren, Mayor Pro-Tem