

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday February 15, 2022
2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Mayor Tuorila called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Tuorila, Councilmembers Tim Zaren, Larry Pitts, John Vaudrin and Dan Strand. Also present: Clerk April Serich

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions of Discuss the need for a building inspector, transfers for the loan payment, LMC premium option, and discuss old Spur Gas Station, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve the minutes of the January regular meeting, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the January Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$51,274.51, Disbursements \$117,268.27, Investments \$9,451.51 and total checking balance \$245,079.69, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to transfer \$11,643.60 from water to General Debt Service, \$11643.60 from sewer to General Debt service and \$15,524.80 from Radio Tower to General Debt Service for the loan payment, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and adopt Resolution #22-02-15 a resolution approving the Pengilly Booster Club to conduct an off-site gambling activity at the City Hall on April 23, 2022 for the Library Tea Party, seconded by Strand, upon vote taken, For: Zaren, Pitts, Strand, Vaudrin and Tuorila, Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd: meeting is Monday. They bought a new plow truck.

Cemetery Bd: meeting is Wednesday.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: meeting is Thursday.

Ryan Sutherland from Itasca County will meet with the council before the March council meeting on the 15th to discuss the project for 2023.

OPENED EQUIPMENT BIDS: 1968 Chev dump truck 1. Dan Trudel \$650 2. Gerald Savaloja \$1,506
Lawn mower/snow blower 1. Dan Trudel \$50 2. Robert Berger \$101.50. Motion by Strand to accept the highest bidders Gerald Savaloja \$1,506 and Robert Berger \$101.50, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Police Services Report: January 8 hrs. used. Balance 18.5 hrs. over. Discussed the Darland house.

Department Reports:

Public Works: Bob reported that they have been doing a lot of snow plowing. They put on a new cutting edge on the plow. Safety lights and a slow moving sign got put on the track loader. The 1993 Dump truck needs to be DOT inspected and Bob will check with Keewatin. New hour meters were put on the Sewer pumps on 4th Ave by the old park. The DNR has been drilling the monitoring well up at the mine park. Discussed a few complaints about the snow plowing in city. Bob said there is not any room to put all the snow. The Fire chief had complaints about the plowing the city workers had done at the fire hall. Discussed the option of the fire department hiring someone to plow for them whenever they need it. The Fire department is not paying the wages of the city employees. The council said the public works employees should continue to plow how they are doing it now and that they are doing an excellent job! Their usual schedule is to start with Gary Street, the fire hall parking lot, then the north side and work their way down to the south side and then up on the hill. They plow out the HRA parking lot after 12 if the cars are moved. Then they work on removing snow from the intersections and sidewalks.

Comments and Requests from the Floor:

Allen from Benchmark discussed the projects for the priority list, the funding options and deadlines. 1. 6th Ave. water main. 2. Water tower 4th Ave. to Morgan water main. 3. Morgan St. 5th Ave. to 9th Ave. scope water and sewer lines and tarring. 4. 2nd Ave. alley to Morgan St. water main. 5. 7th and 8th Ave. west of Co Rd #12. Wait on 9th Ave. because of sink holes. Council approved Allen to come talk to Bob & Nick Matanich about all the projects that need to be done in the city. Scoping and cost estimates are at no charge. Discussed the projects that should be included for the Federal grant money. 6th Ave, 4th Ave to Morgan and city hall updates. Allen will get estimates for the Clerk to send to Pete Stauber by Feb. 28th. Discussed other funding sources including bonding money, IRRRB grant, DNR legacy money, MNDOT trails & Mesabi trails.

Steve Briggs from the Scenic Range News stated that he wants to be notified of any meetings so he is able to attend. The Clerk forgot to notify him of the meeting with Sarah Carling at 1 pm before the regular council meeting. Clerk Serich apologized to him.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Update: 15 shut off notices will be given out.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Darland has been going into the house. If anyone sees him going in there, they are to call the Sheriff's Office because it is a civil case according to our city attorney.

Blight Update: Danielson has 3 or 4 vehicles in his yard. They need to be operable and licensed. They are in the snow now.

New Business:

Motion by Pitts to allow the Greenway Snowmobile Club to use the ball field for youth training on March 5, 2022, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve and pay \$250 for services provided by First Call for Help, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve a letter of support for Minnesota Rural Water Association, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve Larry Curtis to be our building inspector if he is still willing to do it. We may need to have an agreement with the City of LaPrairie or an indemnification of liability. The attorney

can also give a legal letter if needed. Clerk Serich will contact the LMC insurance, our attorney and Larry Curtis.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the regular premium option with no deductible for the LMC Worker's Compensation, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the old Spur gas station property. The State of Minnesota said there is contamination they will be digging out two tanks and landscaping with gravel. The county wants to sell it as soon as it's cleaned up. The city is concerned with how it's going to look.

KLM Engineering thanked us for letting them help us with the water tower. Bob will call this spring about cleaning. Clerk Serich will check on the contract.

Discussed the heating issues in the city hall and library. The actuator needs fixing. Clerk Serich will call A.S.A.P. to check on it.

Clerk Serich will check on the Radio tower inspections and when it needs to be painted.

Discussed the city clerk's office needing more room. The women's bathroom can be eliminated and extend the office in there. We will need to get estimates and have an architect look at the wall.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor