

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday November 16, 2021
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, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal and Street Maintenance worker Bill Berger.

Motion by Zaren to approve the agenda with the additions of building inspector indemnification, Casper Constr. Bill and Itasca County projects for 2022, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Strand to approve the October Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$26,088.67, Disbursements \$60,584.24, Investments \$15,996.95 and total checking balance \$340,870.56, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich will check on what the court fines are for. Discussed the payments for the old fire hall building to be designated to the equipment fund. The MCWWTP money was replaced by the building savings fund.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that they hired concession stand and part-time help.

Cemetery Bd: Meeting is Nov. 17th.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: Zaren reported that there was not a quorum. Information was handed out about the Northern Mn Mine Tour.

Police Services Report: Sept. 27 hrs. and Oct. 14 hrs. Balance is 55.5 hours over.

Department Reports:

Public Works: Bob Hoshal reported that the heater went out in the pump house. Everything is winterized. Next week they will borrow Marble's boom truck and put up the snowflake decorations. We did not get a probation worker. He found a job instead. The overhead door motor went out. It was replaced two years ago and the control panel has a problem now. It is a safety issue to lift the door open by hand. The council approved Bob to call Door Service one more time and if they don't come then call Rapid Garage Door to fix it or replace it. Bougalis brought their equipment to 241 2nd Ave to start the demolition on Nov. 17th. The flags are down for the winter. The lights on the city sign have been adjusted so they are not shining towards the highway.

Comments and Requests from the Floor:

Mike Liljegren and Erika Herr from the DNR Lands & Minerals gave a presentation on the Hill Annex and discuss the how the money from the 2020 bonding bill will be used. The information is on the DNR webpage. The data collection and analysis from the monitoring wells shows the pit water is not causing the water to come into Thomas Paul's basement at 823 8th Ave. The DNR will use the \$2,000,000 to

collect data, pick a route for the water and hire a consultant. Additional funding will be needed to complete the design and construction of an engineered outlet for the water.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Update: 8 shut off notices were given out. There is a water assistance program through Kootasca that pays delinquent water & sewer bills.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Bougalis, Inc. is starting the demolition at 241 2nd Ave on Nov. 17th.

Blight Update: There is a green dodge pick-up parked in the alley behind the old Calumet Chev building still in the way. There are two smashed cars at 364 3rd Ave. Jamsa rental 740 7th Ave. has vehicles parking on both sides of Morgan St. and the plow can't get through. There is debris at the duplex on 8th Ave. There is a car behind the Gangl rental with a wheel off. 816 8th Ave there is furniture behind the garage. 232 2nd Ave. trailer needs to be finished next spring. 913 Gary St. has a trailer full of furniture in the yard. Someone drove through the new grass by the sidewalk on Hwy #169 and snowmobiles were also driving over it.

New Business:

Motion by Tuorila to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Habitat for Humanity to purchase the tax-forfeit lots at 312 3rd Ave. seconded by Zaren, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve paying the Casper bill from April & June for \$4,732.06, Tuorila will talk to Casper, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the 2022 Property Tax Special Assessments for delinquent water and sewer as follows: Wanda Bonovich \$480, Federal National Mortgage \$480, Don, Lori Hoshal \$480, Robbie Darland \$480 and Terry Rutherford ETAL \$480, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the 2022 Liquor Licenses for the Old Calumet Saloon \$600, pending the paperwork needed, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed giving out Christmas candy bags this year. The fire department does not want to deliver them. Motion by Tuorila to approve up to \$500 for candy for Calumet residents to pick up from city hall and April, Bob, Bill, Melanie and other volunteers to bag the candy, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the RAMS nomination of Board of Directors. Larry Pitts would like to be a member for 2022-2023, Clerk Serich will check on the meeting information.

The cell tower lease offer from Everest Infrastructure was tabled. Tuorila will talk to Bolten & Menk about financing issues with the WWTP.

Clerk Serich will check with Attorney Bengtson about the indemnification agreement with the building inspector.

Discussed the Itasca County Projects for 2022. Strand wants to sit down with Ryan Sutherland and Ben DeNucci about the project in Calumet needing resurfacing on Gary St., new light poles and sidewalks. Tuorila will contact them about a meeting.

Discussed the Aikey Electric bill for the lights on the city sign. We will receive funding in January and see if they will wait for payment until then.

Motion by Pitts to approve putting all the payments from the sale of the old fire hall into the equipment fund starting Jan. 2022, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the water back-up in the basement of city hall. An insurance claim has been started for the water damage. Many boxes of files are soaking wet. An asbestos inspector needs to test before we can replace the floor. John T., April, Bob & Bill moved everything out into the other room so it can dry out with fans going and a dehumidifier on.

71 yard clean-up bags were given out so far.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Tim Zaren, Mayor Pro-Tem