

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday February 16, 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. The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk April Serich to Councilmember Dan Strand.

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

Motion by Pitts to approve the agenda with the addition of the emergency water main break Casper Construction bill \$7,251.52, 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 \$33,401.67, Disbursements \$83,273.44, Investments \$47,687.06 and total checking balance \$260,998.42, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to transfer \$15,500 - IRRR grant payment for the new public works building from General Capital Fund to General Fund, \$15,720.10 for the street portion of the SE project loan payment from Radio Tower Fund to General Debt Service Fund, \$11,790.08 for the water portion of SE project loan payment from Water Fund to General Debt Service Fund, \$11,790.07 for the Sewer portion of the SE loan payment from Sewer Fund to General Debt Service Fund and withdraw \$23,896 for the sick leave payment to Kristi Serich from the Sick Leave and Retirement Savings account and deposit it in the General Fund Checking, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve and adopt Resolution #21-2-16 a resolution entering into MnDOT Agreement No. 1045041 with the State of Minnesota DOT to provide for routine maintenance by the City upon, along, and adjacent to Trunk Highway No. 169, seconded by Vaudrin. Upon roll call vote taken, the following voted: For: Councilmembers Pitts, Zaren, Strand and Vaudrin; Against: none; Absent: Mayor Tuorila. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Zaren to approve and adopt Resolution #21-2-16-2 a resolution designating the 2021 precinct polling place for general and regularly scheduled elections as the Itasca County Court House and for any special elections as the City of Calumet, seconded by Strand. Upon roll call vote taken, the following voted: For: Councilmembers Pitts, Zaren, Strand and Vaudrin; Against: none; Absent: Mayor Tuorila. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

2:30 p.m. Presentation by Sara Carling and Megan Christianson from CEDA Community Economic Development Association. They handed out materials and discussed the NE MN Historical Mine Tour. The route would be from Cohasset to Silver Bay. Motion by Pitts to send a letter of support plus \$1,000 for their services, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that there will be on-line broadcasting of events. They are looking for a plow truck for the parking lot.

Cemetery Bd: Pitts reported they are looking for a new lawnmower.

Greenway Joint Powers Fire Board Meeting: Meeting is March 1st.

WMMPB: No attendance.

MCWWTP: Feb. 24th at 3:00 p.m. in Marble. Post that there will be the possibility of more than 2 council members present.

Police Services Report: 18.5 hours in Jan. Joe Dasovich stated that he updated the patrol reports. Discussed blight and parking issues. Darland had a car towed because he was parked in the alley and the garbage truck can't get through. Ruuhela has ducks. Ken's A-1 towing will bill the owner of vehicles being towed. If they don't pay then he owns them.

Comments and Requests from the Floor:

Department Reports:

Public Works: Bob Hoshal stated that a new riding lawnmower is needed. The water and sewer readings are right on. Motion by Pitts to approve the quote for the older shop lights at \$5,200 for 9 LED lights and switches and taking down the old ones from Aikey Electric, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried. Discussed the water main break on 6th Ave in front of Nick Matanich's driveway and the amount of Casper's bill. The project was shut down for 2 hours because of a gas line break because they didn't listen to Nick telling them where the line was. This should have been a 5 hour job not 11. The City Council is not happy with this and maybe next time they will call someone else. The Clerk was instructed to not pay this bill and talk to Casper about reducing the bill. Discussed the possibility of a future purchase of an ASV with assorted attachments.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Update: 16 Shut off notices were issued.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Demo is on hold because of the Governor's NO evictions order.

Update on Shevich/Ziegler property: Motion by Zaren to approve the Quit Claim Deed for \$500 for the property East of William Ziegler's property at 259 2nd Ave. and West of Delich St. and North of the alley between 2nd and 3rd Ave. in Block 5, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the Quit Claim Deed for \$500 for the property East of David Shevich's property at 364 3rd Ave. and West of Delich St. and South of the alley between 2nd and 3rd Ave. in Block 5, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Strand to approve the scheduled pump maintenance agreement with Minnesota Pump Works for 3 lift stations with 6 sewer pumps at \$711 per inspection for 3 years, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve the yearly maintenance agreement Northern Generator for \$400 a year, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the Pay Equity Report for 2021, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, M/C. Discussion about what the MMUA does for the city before the dues are paid. Clerk will check.

No action taken on the Itasca Co. tax-forfeited land next to Jacalyn Wendt.

Discussed the SBA Tower lump sum offer to the city. No action taken.

Motion by Zaren to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2021, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Tim Zaren, Mayor Pro-Tem