

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday January 19, 2021
2:00 P.M.

Mayor Tuorila led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Tuorila called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Oath of Office was administered by Clerk April Serich to Mayor John Tuorila, Councilmembers Tim Zaren and John Vaudrin.

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

Motion by Pitts to approve the agenda with the addition of the 2021 Appointments, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Zaren to approve the December Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$157,623.88, Disbursements \$132,977.25, Investments \$47,687.06 and total checking balance \$329,228.02, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and adopt Resolution #21-1-19 a resolution accepting \$\$1,445 in donations (\$750 in Library grants and \$695 in donations), seconded by Zaren. Upon roll call vote taken, the following voted: For: Mayor Tuorila and Councilmembers Pitts, Zaren and Vaudrin; Against: none; Absent: Councilmember Strand. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Pitts to approve and adopt Resolution #21-1-19-2 a resolution setting the City of Calumet depositories as American Bank of the North and First National Bank of Coleraine, seconded by Vaudrin. Upon roll call vote taken, the following voted: For: Mayor Tuorila and Councilmembers Pitts, Zaren and Vaudrin; Against: none; Absent: Councilmember Strand. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd: No report.

Cemetery Bd: Pitts reported meeting is Wed. Jan. 20th.

Greenway Joint Powers Fire Board Meeting: No meeting.

WMMPB: Mayor Tuorila reported that they discussed the rising pit water in the Canisteo Pit, it is about 2 years from overflowing and the Hill Annex Pit is about 7 years from overflowing. The Hill Annex level is at 1,315 ft. now and breach will be at 1,358 ft. The DNR is getting bonding money and has approved 4 more monitoring wells in Calumet and 6 in Marble.

Police Services Report: 22 hours in Dec. Discussed blight issues. Bob Hoshal will let Joe Dasovich know about cars not licensed and tickets will be issued. Parking tickets can also be issued for \$25 and paid at the city clerk's office.

Discussed the contract for deed for the old fire hall building with Bruce Tholen Care Cab North. The title company will contact Bruce when the new description will be ready. Motion by Zaren to extend the length of the contract with the balloon payment due 11-1-2022 instead of 11-1-2021 with all other terms the same, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Comments and Requests from the Floor:

Department Reports:

Public Works: After 30 days, Bob Hoshal wants to stay in the Public Works Superintendent Position. Motion by Pitts to keep Bob Hoshal in the Public Works Superintendent position, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. The 5 ft. high fire hydrant markers have been put on all the hydrants. Mike had Bob try different things on the lift station generator and he said it is not working right after being switched from propane to natural gas. A quote for the older shop lights is \$5,200 for 9 LED lights and switches and taking down the old ones from Aikey Electric. He will send us a written quote and certificate of insurance. The floor drains have been cleaned. Bob got 4 estimates for a new V-plow for the 2007 Chev pick-up. The old plow is not worth anything. Motion by Zaren to approve purchasing a new plow from Martin's at \$7,837 and taking the money out of the equipment fund savings, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried. The 1993 Dump truck plow should last a couple more years. The cable truck still has a couple of issues and it will just sit for now.

Jon Loye from TKDA presented the council with a new rate sheet and services. He stated that he is concerned about the water repair on 4th Ave to Morgan St. and that is his number one priority for the city. He will talk to Lorne Wikstrom former engineer about any information from the previous repair. He will check on clean drinking water grants for Federal funding. Discussed concern of mileage costs and Jon stated there will be no charge for coming to the meetings as needed. Motion by Tuorila to keep TKDA as our city engineer for 2021, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Update: 15 Shut off notices were issued.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Discussed the hazardous buildings demolition quotes. Only one has been received so far from Bougalis for \$33,100. Clerk Serich will check on what the add ons are for and check with the attorney about an expiration date on the court orders. Discussion about the contractor that the county uses and about putting an ad in the Herald Review. Tabled until the next meeting.

Blight Update: garbage behind the old barber shop.

New Business:

The Full-time Public Works/Street Maintenance position is vacant. Discussion about when to hire a new person to fill this position. Clerk Serich will put an ad in the paper starting in February and applications will be due March 4th. The starting contractual rate of pay is \$20.13 per hour. Interviews for qualified applicants will be scheduled the week of March 29th.

Motion by Pitts to approve renting the garage at 902 Gary St. to Jim Bailey for \$75 a month with a 6 month agreement, seconded by Tuorila, motion carried.

Motion by Zaren to approve the 2020 mileage for Mayor John Tuorila at \$161.58, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the 2021 member dues of \$515 for the League of Minnesota Cities, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve the 2021 member dues of \$450 for the WMMPB, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

2021 Board and Committee Appointments

Official Newspaper: Scenic Range News Forum

Legal Council: Brian Bengtson, John Licke and John Dimich along with the Itasca County Attorney's Office

City Engineer: TKDA Jon Loye

City Depositories: American Bank of the North and First National Bank of Coleraine

Insurance Agency: Itasca Reliable and LMC

Mayor Pro-Tem: Tim Zaren

Greenway Joint Powers Fire Board: 1. Mayor John Tuorila 2. Tim Zaren Alt: John Vaudrin

Library Board: Larry Pitts Also appointed to the Library Board: April Serich 3 yr. Term

Cemetery Board: Larry Pitts

Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board: 1. Mayor John Tuorila 2. Tim Zaren

WMMPB Hwy Committee: Mayor John Tuorila

Weed Inspector: Mayor John Tuorila Assistant Weed Inspector: Bob Hoshal

Greenway Recreation Board: Dan Strand Alternate: Larry Pitts

Blight Committee: 1. Mayor John Tuorila 2. Tim Zaren 3. Larry Pitts

Civil Service Director: John Vaudrin Alternate: Mayor John Tuorila

Building Inspector: Murray Ward

Motion by Pitts to approve the 2021 Board and Committee Appointments, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussion about the email from Marble city clerk about the Waste Water Treatment Plant updates and the council request that Calumet attend quarterly meetings. Councilmembers Tim Zaren and Dan Strand will attend and report back to the council.

Discussed a city domain site and city website. Treasurer Garner will get more information and cost estimates for the next meeting.

The city electronic sign was delayed 2-3 weeks.

Discussed that people were seen entering the Hill Annex DNR property and carrying items out. The DNR was contacted.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor