

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday July 20, 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 Zaren, Councilmembers Larry Pitts, Dan Strand and John Vaudrin. Mayor Tuorila joined by phone at 2:10 p.m. due to Zoom not working. Also present: Clerk April Serich, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal and Street Maintenance Worker Bill Berger.

Motion by Pitts to approve the agenda with the additions of Robbi Darland and Attorney Jim Vollstaedt to discuss the possibility to come to an agreement with Robbi Darland on cleaning up and fixing the things that are in the court order and not demolishing his house at 211 2nd Ave, TKDA representative Tanja brought updated maps of the water, sewer, storm sewer and streets in the city, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve the minutes of the June regular meeting with the correction of Pitts seconding a motion not Strand because Strand was absent, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve the June Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$174,930.72, Disbursements \$61,006.82, Investments \$15,986.67 and total checking balance \$329,700.82, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve and adopt Resolution #21-07-20 a resolution to apply to and accept funds from the IRRR Residential Redevelopment program for demolition of three hazardous buildings in Calumet, seconded by Zaren. Upon roll call vote taken, the following voted: For: Councilmembers Pitts, Zaren, Strand and Vaudrin, Mayor Tuorila; Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Meeting Attendance and Reports:

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that there is hockey school and dry land camp with 30-40 kids, they renewed the lease with #316 for \$50,000 a year. The roof was replaced and they need a used truck for plowing. To add used air exchangers it would be approximately \$15,000.

Cemetery Bd: Meeting is Wed. the 21st.

MCWWTP: No report.

WMMPB: No report.

Police Services Report: June 42 hours used, Balance owed to them = 9.5 hours. Pitts discussed adding more time for Police Services. We will discuss this at our budget meeting in September.

Comments and Requests from the Floor: Public defender Attorney Jim Vollstaedt was present representing Robbi Darland. He asked the council if there was a possibility to come to an agreement with Robbi Darland on cleaning up and fixing the things that are in the court order and not demolish his house at 211 2nd Ave. The council spent countless hours and money trying to get this place cleaned up and he had ample opportunity to clean up so the council said no. They will be continuing on with the court order to clean up and demolish the property at 211 2nd Ave.

Tanja from TKDA presented updated water, sewer, storm sewer and street maps to the council.

After a discussion on the evictions and hazardous building demolitions, Motion by Zaren to give Attorney Bengtson the approval to start the three eviction notices immediately, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Department Reports:

Public Works: Bob Hoshal reported that he got an estimate of approximately \$11,000 to \$35,000 for a 460/3 phase generator for the water pumps. Clerk Serich will send this information to Ben DeNucci for funding from the county. Kurt from Mn Rural Water told Bob we could get grants for water repairs. Mayor Tuorila will contact Bonnie, the facilitator for the FEMA paperwork, and ask about FEMA money to be used for a generator. Motion by Pitts to approve the purchase of a reconditioned generator for approximately \$11,000 and we will keep searching for funding, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. Discussion about a machine that J&R Wastewater has for sucking out water boxes. Motion by Zaren to approve J&R Waste Water to clean out the water boxes when pigging out the sewers, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried. Discussed overhead lights instead of ground lights for the city sign. Clerk Serich will let Aikey Electric know of the change.

Unfinished Business:

Utility Update: 12 shut off letters sent with 2 over \$200.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Eviction process will be started and demolition will happen as soon as possible when notified of IRRR funding and eviction order is completed.

Blight Update: There are several cars at the Jamsa rental at 740 7th Ave. Clerk Serich will have the Nashwauk Police check on them.

New Business:

Motion by Zaren to approve the letter of support for the City of Virginia Public Safety Center, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed the Casper bill for additional work in front of Nick Matanich's on 6th Ave. for \$4,593.87. The council said not to pay it. Clerk Serich will contact Tom at Casper and ask why it is so high.

No quotes were received yet on the heat/air exchangers-mini splits. Clerk Serich will contact A.S.A.P. and send the quote to Ben DeNucci for possible funding from the county.

No news on when the county will be working on the sidewalks. The Hwy #169 safety project is coming along and they should be in Calumet soon.

Discussion about allowing a farmer's market or garden/bake sale in town. Motion by Pitts to allow this type of sale within the city limits, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Zaren adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

Tim Zaren, Mayor Pro-Tem