

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting
Calumet City Council Room
Tuesday March 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.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Tim Zaren, Councilmembers Larry Pitts, Dan Strand and John Vaudrin. Mayor Tuorila joined by ZOOM at 2:05 p.m. Also present: Clerk April Serich.

Motion by Pitts to approve the agenda with the additions of a zoning permit for a handi-cap assessable ramp and platform at 509 5th Ave. Darrell Cowan, approve & adopt Resolution #21-03-16-2 a resolution requesting conveyance of Tax-Forfeited trust parcel #87-410-0745 for an authorize public purpose 952 Gary St, approve the library to apply for grants to put a shelter at 916 Gary St Bike Trail rest area-Public Use property for summer story hour and classes, New riding lawn mower, electric expense for the new electronic sign and the issues at the hall and applying to Itasca County for funding, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

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

Motion by Strand to approve the February Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$106,051.36, Disbursements \$94,396.37, Investments \$23,791.06 and total checking balance \$273,111.07, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve and adopt Resolution #21-3-16 a resolution to contract with First Call for Help to provide services to those living within the City, seconded by Vaudrin. 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 Peewee A's and Bantam A's are going to regionals. Flag football will be in April & May. Summer hockey will be June 7-25. They are okay financially.

Cemetery Bd: No meeting

Greenway Joint Powers Fire Board Meeting: Zaren reported that a resident keeps calling the fire department for non-emergency calls to help lift a person. Clerk Serich will check with Marble to see if they have a letter they send to residents about calls and with our city attorney for the right wording to use. The board approved a \$25 per year increase in the pension. Now it is \$1,475.00 per year of service. Discussed increasing the charges for services 3% starting in 2022. Currently it is \$34,000 a year paid quarterly at \$8,500. The last billing was Calumet 10 calls, Marble 12 calls, Greenway Township 18 calls and Lone Pine Township 4 calls.

WMMPB: They are still trying to get approval to get the system to pump water out of the Canisteo Pit. The DNR is putting more monitoring wells in Calumet. The DNR is continuing the Hill Annex Mine Park the same as other years until June 30, 2021.

MCWWTP: Discussed the meeting with the City of Marble on the waste water plant. It will cost 5-7 million for a new plant that would last 30-50 years or 1 million to repair the existing plant that would last 10 years. Chris Ismil-IRRR said the first thing is that the cities need to form a Joint Powers Board with two members and an alternate from each city. Motion by Zaren to approve Mayor John Tuorila, Dan Strand and Larry Pitts-alternate, as members of the Wastewater Joint Powers Board and to set up the

next meeting to form the board and set up an agreement, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. Clerk Serich will call Marble to set up the next meeting.

Police Services Report: 18 hours in Feb. Notices will be sent for garbage, tires and unlicensed vehicles.

Comments and Requests from the Floor:

Department Reports:

Public Works: Bob Hoshal stated that J&R Wastewater will clean the water boxes and check valves when he comes to do the cleaning every five years. He will give us a price when he comes next. Mn Power is putting in new LED lights all over town. Discussed the electrician bill for the old shop. Bob will check on getting a lower price. The DNR is putting in monitoring wells in town. MNDOT has a grubbing crew in town and wanted to store their signs by the old park. Discussed Ryan Sutherland coming to meet with Dan about the Co. Rd #12 and #169 turn lane. The county was already asked about a wider turn lane and they said no.

Unfinished Business:

Update on potential projects: TKDA Jon Loye and Jeff Goetzman- Discussed 3 future projects -Shipka/6th Ave., Water tower to Morgan pipe break, and SE area Utility extension. There is some Federal funding available. TKDA will update the water, sewer & street maps for the city at no charge. We need this for the Joint waste water board.

Utility Update: No Shut off notices were issued. The LMC is recommending that we do not shut off water because of the Governor's Order on Evictions.

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

Update on Shevich/Ziegler property: Mayor Tuorila is signing the new agreement with Care Cab on Mon. March 29th so the new description can be recorded by All American Title Co.

New Business:

Motion by Pitts to approve and adopt Resolution #21-03-16-2 a resolution requesting conveyance of tax forfeit trust parcel #87-410-0745 Lots 19 & 20 Bl. 7, 952 Gary St. for an authorized public purpose, seconded by Zaren. Upon roll call vote taken: For: Council members Zaren, Pitt, Strand & Vaudrin and Mayor Tuorila; Against: none. Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Discussed the qualified applicants for the Public Works/Street Maintenance worker position. The council set up a work session/special meeting for Wednesday March 31st at 9:00 am and Special meeting at 11:00 am to discuss hiring or not and to set up an interview panel, testing, etc.

Discussed the city hall issues. We have an insurance claim for the kitchen and bathroom water damage. The main electric panel has moisture and corrosion. Clerk Serich will get ServPro and Aikey electric to check on the source of the problem to see it is an insurance claim or not.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and sign the LMC waiver form stating the city does not waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability, Mn Stat. #466.04, seconded by Strand, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Strand to pay the revised bill from Casper for the 6th Ave. water main break repair at \$5,700.17, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to pay the annual RAMS dues \$450 for 2021, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, M/C.

Motion by Pitts to approve a zoning permit for Darrell Cowan 509 5th Ave for a 4x16 ft. Handi-cap ramp & platform, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to approve the Library to apply for grants for a shelter, water, tables, etc to be put on 916 Gary St. for a rest area and library use in the summer, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, M/C.

Discussed and approved the electrician bill for the new electronic sign on city hall. It was \$3,140.36.

Discussed applying for a grant from the county for the electrical issues in city hall. Clerk Serich will contact Ben Denucci.

Discussed the need for a new lawnmower. Bob will get estimates.

Motion by Pitts to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 p.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2021, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor