

Regular Calumet City Council Meeting  
Calumet City Council Room  
Tuesday May 18, 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 Larry Pitts, Dan Strand, Tim Zaren and John Vaudrin.  
Also present: Clerk April Serich, Public Works Supervisor Bob Hoshal and Street Maint. Bill Berger.

Motion by Pitts to approve the agenda with the additions of discussing city clean up days and getting dumpsters with the help of Environmental Services, discuss update on Care Cab purchase of old fire hall, discuss emergency generator for water supply, discuss work order form, discuss possible campground in Calumet, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vaudrin to approve the minutes of the April regular meeting, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried. Discussed Hwy#12 & 3169 intersection changes because of trucks going over curb.

Motion by Strand to approve the April Clerk & Treasurer Reports & bills, Receipts \$31,659.19, Disbursements \$65,865.39, Investments \$15,973.88 and total checking balance \$219,261.15, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Tuorila to approve and adopt Resolution #21-05-18 a resolution allowing the "Take A Five" rest area to be put at 916 Gary St and to apply for and accept a Blandin Foundation grant, 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.

Discussion with Greg Anderson T&A Real Estate/Auto Shop and Bill Nygaard with Gladen Construction, who is working for MNDOT doing the safety improvements on Hwy #169, about the council allowing a temporary camping site behind the old Calumet Service Station that is owned by T&A. They would like to be able to run water service from the shop to the campers and use electric also. If in the future T&A is wanting to have a more permanent campground then he could come back later to discuss it.

Motion by Tuorila to allow Greg Anderson/T&A Real Estate/Auto Shop to have as many campers as needed on a temporary basis on his property and pay a rate of \$120 a month for water, the sewer and garbage would need to be taken care of by the people camping on site, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, Motion carried.

**Meeting Attendance and Reports:**

Greenway Recreation Bd: Strand reported that 135 boys and 50 girls started baseball and softball. June 7-26 is Hockey school. The lobby floor will be redone with a lot of flooring donated.

Cemetery Bd: Strand will be the representative for the Cemetery Bd and Pitts will be alternate.

MCWWTP: May 26<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting. They might not need to rebuild just upgrade.

WMMPB: Tuorila reported that an ARDC representative discussed a survey about Hwy#169 Cross Range Expressway 8.4 miles uncompleted portion. They are pursuing it a piece at a time. Essar/Mesabi Metallics has two more weeks left for the mineral lease contract.

Police Services Report: No report. Two next month.

**Comments and Requests from the Floor:**

**Department Reports:**

Public Works: Bob Hoshal reported they repaired the roof at city hall. Discussed the use of 30 gallon holding up to 50lbs, biodegradable, burnable paper bags for residents to use if they want their yard waste (leaves, pine needles, animal droppings, etc.) picked up by the city workers. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the city will furnish the bags (5 bag limit per resident) for free and then sell extra bags at a \$1.00 a piece after that. Brush can still be piled by the curb or alley to get picked up. All hydrants were flushed and good. The storm drains were cleaned out. The water electronics and sewer are running good. J&R Wastewater will be cleaning lines and water boxes. TKDA was at the shop and went through all the maps and will be making new maps for water, sewer, curbs and streets. The new hire Bill is working out great. The burn pile went down a lot and still smoldering.

Discussed the garbage on the Red Lake road and the possibility of Environmental services cleaning it up.

The council discussed a work order form that Mayor Tuorila designed. If someone has a job that they want the city workers to do, a form needs to be filled out in the clerk's office and she will give it to Bob and he will fill it in when the job is completed and return the form the clerk.

**Unfinished Business:**

Utility Update: Discussed the delinquent bills, Motion by Tuorila to send shut off notices to any residents with delinquent bills over \$200 and they need to be paid by May 28<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Strand, all in favor, motion carried.

Update on Hazardous Buildings: Demo is on hold because of the Governor's NO evictions order. Mayor Tuorila will contact city attorney Bengtson about evictions.

Motion by Strand to approve the Tattoo license for Tahtinen's Tats at \$75 a yr., seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

Motion by Pitts to allow Rural Water Impact to set up a city website for us at the cost of \$665.95 for set up and monthly fees for a year, , seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Strand to approve a zoning permit for a garden fence at 609 6<sup>th</sup> Ave Spencer Hernesman, seconded by Zaren, all in favor, motion carried.

Discussed a dispute between neighbors on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. It needs to be surveyed because it's not a city issue.

Motion by Zaren to pay the Minnesota Clerk's & Finance Officers dues of \$45, seconded by Pitts, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pitts to purchase the tax-forfeited property at 952 Gary St. Bl. 7 lots 19 & 20, from the county for \$500 to be used for a public purpose, seconded by Vaudrin, all in favor, motion carried. Mayor Tuorila will attend the June 1<sup>st</sup> county board meeting if needed.

Discussed the need for air/heat units in city hall to replace the electric baseboard heaters. Clerk Serich will check into prices for 3 units and bring to the next meeting.

There will be no summer workers this year.

Clerk Serich will set up a work session meeting to go over the Agreed Upon Procedures with Auditor Bonnie Sterle on June 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

Discussion about the electric at the pump house building for a generator in an emergency. There is 460 power. Bob will get prices to bring to the June meeting. Tuorila will contact Ben DeNucci about the funding for this.

Discussion on city wide clean up with dumpsters. Clerk Serich will contact Environmental Services about the program they have and City of Marble to see what they do. We would have it in the Hill Annex Mine Park parking lot.

Discussion about 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. It is getting better now that it has dried up.

Discussion about the property taxes that Bruce Tholen/Care Cab had to pay on the entire parcel not just the property (old fire hall and lot across the alley) he was purchasing from the city do to an error in recording the wrong property description. The city will reimburse him by taking off a couple payments. It will be figured out when we get the actual cost. Also the Shevich property could not be sold until this error was fixed and recorded. Motion by Pitts to approve paying \$225 to Attorney Kent Nyberg for his fees for fixing the Tholen error, seconded by Tuorila, all in favor, motion carried.

Council approved the addition of a new street light at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and Corey St. Clerk Serich will contact Mn Power.

Discussion about non-emergency fire calls on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. There is a home-made ramp that is unsafe and the fire department does not just go to do lift assists. Clerk Serich will contact the landlord.

Mayor Tuorila adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved,

April Serich, City Clerk

John Tuorila, Mayor