
**CITY OF MINNESOTA LAKE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2022**

Attending: Richard Staloch, Edie More, Joan Proehl, via Zoom Mayor Jeff Ramsley and Lon Stenzel.

City Staff: City Maint.: Michael Bammert, Dylan Groskreutz; **Police:** Ben Standahl; **Amb:** Dave Radtke; **Fire Dept.:** Dave Malakowsky; **City Clerk:** Dawn Whitehead; **Maple River Messenger:** Tamara Dicks; **Citizens:** Kerte Fezler .

Mayor Jeff Ramsley called to order the Regular City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Kerte Fezler asked to close down 4th Ave for the Freedom Run on Saturday, June 18th. He asked to put up a tent Friday night to be taken down Monday morning and will be weighted as they will not drill into the street. Kerte will provide own bouncers and bartenders. Under the tent food would be served, hold the auction and he'll order a couple of port-a-potties. Last year raised approximately \$50k. **Joan made a motion to approve The Great Escape's temporary street closure on June 18th, 2nd by Lon, motion carried.**

Fire Dept (FD): Dave M reviewed FD invoices. The Macqueen invoice is equipment for new members but should be reimbursed. Dave stated there was 1 grass fire and one building that blew over in April. The township meeting was hosted on April 7th. The ISO Audit completed on April 12th. The SCRFDA meeting hosted on April 19th with 87 firefighter attendees. Grass rig availability is still unscheduled due to parts delays. Maintenance completed on all trucks at Swehla except grass rig. Community service was two grass burns at Boertje's and Roeker's. Training was Truck and Firehall spring cleanup.

Ambulance: Dave R stated the April calls were 18, up to 78 through May. Received draft copy of patches to put on shirts. Cellular repeater for truck will be installed with help from PW. The Driver License Scanner on Elite is functional. New Stryker cot batteries are in. Will be purchasing a CO monitor for our first in bag. Training was provided by South Central College. Rig went in for recall related to braking. 1 EE out on personal LOA.

Police Dept (PD): Ben stated there were 104 calls for service. Attended Chiefs Conference in Duluth, Toward Zero Deaths workshop and PATROL Online training. Ben met with T-Mobile about their phone plans for First Responder agencies. Cell coverage for Festag was discussed, T-Mobile stated they could provide mobile cell tower to provide coverage for event. They provided a cell phone and jet pack for testing coverage.

Two PT Officers have resigned. Officer Donovan is being called up for long term military and Officer Williams took a paramedic position in Florida. Ben thanked them for their service. Ben posted hiring on Minnesota POST board for regular and Festag officers. Received 2 applications for regular part-time. Ben will complete the permitting to close Hwy 22 for Festag. Police Commission meeting set for June 2nd at 5:00 pm. **Edie made a motion to approve the hiring of 2 applicants for part-time police officers, pending successful psychological and medical evaluation, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.**

Public Works (PW): Mike stated Empire repaired sewer pipe and manhole on Minnesota Ave before blacktopping. Neilsen's blacktopped Minnesota Ave, 1st, 2nd Aves and patched water main break in front of fire station. Wheel loader arrived.

A tree fell on shelter due to storm and working with contractor and insurance. Todd O'Rourke is working on the repair. Council wants the whole side replaced so that it looks good, not two different colors of metal roofing. PW pumped sewer on May 11th storm.

Fire station generator is waiting on gas hook up and hooking into the electrical system of station.

Concrete in new shop is complete.

Received quote from Central Tank to sand blast and epoxy the interior, upgrading railing, and fixing the

leak at bottom ring. The epoxy treatment should extend the life of the water tower 15-20 years. A new tower would cost about \$2.5 million.

Richard made a motion to approve Central Tank to sandblast and re-epoxy the interior of the water tower and repair patch in bottom ring, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.

Bathrooms in park are open and will be installing hand dryers. PW is considering auto-lock on doors to prevent vandalism. Goose spray seems to be working. Midwest Auto Care treated pond on the 18th.

Public works will repair shoreline of pond before installing path around the pond.

DNR was here with the cookie-cutter. They made one 8' path to boat launch. They will not do any other channels, as it costs too much and not feasible. DNR said City could lay a sand-blanket at City's cost.

Edie made a motion to approve installing hand dryers in the park bathrooms, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.

Kremer House: Kris McGregor had Tom Wilhelmi look at porch. He recommended removing completely and reconstruct it. They are also moving the office from the upstairs down to what was the children's library section. Kris stated that the Historical Society may pay for some of the porch reconstruction. The Historical Society is paying for the replacement of outdoor carpet on the steps. They are cleaning up the basement to use for storage. PW will look to see if they could tear off porch and budget for porch replacement for next year. PW will get quotes.

Clerk's Report:

Edie made a motion to approve the payout to John Hawker for his PTO of \$23,282.24 and his remaining vacation time hours, 2nd by Lon, motion carried.

Reimbursement through MDH Source Water grant was submitted and payment approved for \$10,000 – ½ of generator cost.

Council can make motion to set policy for comment portion of meetings.

Received \$519 from Swehla for FD truck towing expense.

Received call from someone wanting to bring ice cream truck to town on Mondays. She was sent solicitor's permit form and an email requesting any licensures she'd received from the State.

Joan made a motion to approve Sunny's Ice Cream Truck Solicitation Permit to sell via food truck in Minnesota Lake, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Construction Permits-

- Richard Staloch – 214 Ehrich St – replace deck, - extend 3/9/21 permit – n/c
- Howard Herbst – 310 Ehrich St – re-roof – n/c
- The Great Escape – Enclose back steps/porch and garbage area - \$25.00
- Philip Wood – 503 Main St N – install 10' x 14' deck – n/c
- Corey Styke – 610 Highway 22 – build 20'x40' shed on existing cement slab– needs Variance as he needs to be 20' from his property line and the cement slab maybe too close.

Invoices-

- Faribault County – Assessment Services - \$5,388.00
 - Burkhardt & Burkhardt - \$13,227.00
 - Nielsen's Blacktopping – 2nd & 1st Aves - \$26,833.18
 - Nielsen's Blacktopping – Minnesota Ave E of Ann - \$29,265.00
 - Stenzel Masonry - \$41,800.00
 - Macqueen Equipment – Turn out Gear - \$7,355.92
- ❖ Resolution 2022-15 Fire Dept Donations - \$1,150.00

Richard made a motion to approve paying Stenzel Masonry invoice of \$41,800 for New Shop concrete, 2nd by Joan, motion carried with Lon abstaining.

Joan made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, minus Central Tank invoice and Stenzel Masonry invoice to include the Resolutions 2022-15, the Claims paid and Claims to be paid (Joan reviewed), 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Council discussed putting in place a time limit for public comments during the public comments section of the City Council Meetings. Council decided to consider various options and decide next meeting.

New business: Lon suggested the cement floor in the new shop be gas/oil resistant sealed.

Richard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm, 2nd by Joan, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk/Treasurer