

**CITY OF MINNESOTA LAKE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

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

City Staff: City Maint.: Michael Bammert, Dylan Groskreutz; **Police:** Ben Standahl; **City Clerk:** Dawn Whitehead; **Ambulance Dept:** Dave Radtke; **Fire Dept.:** Dave Malakowsky; **Maple River Messenger:** Tamara Dicks, **MnDOT:** Matt Thibert.

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

Public Comments: None.

Matt Thibert from the MnDOT regarding the Hwy 22 Project and Cooperative Agreement, bids due Dec. 2nd, month ½ to award contracts, then invoice to City, mid to end-January. Richard asked about letting the contractors know we have the Festag celebration. Matt stated looking to start mid-April, finish end of July. Matt stated Council can contact Matt at anytime with concerns for the duration of project. Edie clarified the removal of the turn lane. Matt stated the lane is narrower than minimum, the turning movements of vehicles, traffic patterns so they deemed it unnecessary. A speed study to slow the speed through town would have to be done. Matt will check into a study, which could take a couple of years to complete. For pedestrians, they will create a more perpendicular crossing and removing other sidewalks that are unsafe.

Matt explained the Condemnation process for the temporary easement required to do work.

Access will have to be maintained to residents and business on route, and access may move depending on work at the time. Shouldn't be any State traffic, only local traffic.

Matt will connect with Dawn to get notices out to residents on the different access routes throughout the process.

Edie made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-20 To Enter Into Agreement No. 1051224 with the State of Minnesota DOT to Pay City's Share of Improvements, 2nd by Joan, motion carried.

Police Dept (PD): Ben stated there were 85 calls for service. Talked to Verizon for coverage on Festag and they are working on options.

The school speed zone will remain at 20 MPH even though the school is closed. Maple River is still using the site as a bus pick up spot. Ben has been doing school patrols during pickup and drop-off times.

Fire Dept (FD): Dave M reviewed invoices. Received donation from Gregor Tiling for \$250.00. No fire calls in August. Truck 252's carburetor was replaced. Dave asked Council to approve a rate hike for fire calls.

Richard made a motion to raise Fire Call rates to Commercial/Business Rate \$2,000, House Fires \$1,500, Car Accidents \$1,000, CO2 calls \$500, 2nd by Lon, motion carried.

Should know by the end of September the several grants they've applied for.

Ambulance: Dave stated there were 6 calls in August. Mayo, due to staffing, went down a truck so we may see increase in calls and also they may not be available for mutual calls. The New Richland Service also made Dave aware they are having staffing issues so we may be called to help out. Training Officer position will be open for 6 months and go to a 3-person officer team. Two employees resigned, both were out on long time leaves, leaving a total of 23 members.

Public Works (PW): Central Tank painting of the water tower was \$35,400. Empire 4-year sewer cleaning plan \$10,472, 2nd year \$10,672, 3rd yr \$10,872, etc.

Joan made a motion to approve painting water tower for \$35,400, 2nd by Edie, motion carried.

Richard stated Tri-City is expecting a 5% increase in 2023.

Richard asked how locked in is the Empire Contract, especially if the City isn't happy with their work. Mike with check with Rep for exit clause.

Spraying for cattails is set up for this week or next.

Mike spoke with Lance from Mn Rural Water and he can do a rate report. Dawn will get requested information to Lance. PW took the damaged JD hood to Jenkins.

Mike stated he has an annual service agreement for generator service for \$450.00, from GSS Generator.

Joan made a motion to approve the annual service agreement with GSS for \$450 to provide maintenance on water plant generator, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Midwest Aqua Care retreated the pond.

Kremer House: Joan stated they want to hold the dinner for City Council and employees. They are having issues getting a contractor to repair the back porch. The outside cellar doors should have an outside lock. The screen on the front porch needs attention.

Clerk's Report: Dawn would like to attend a Mn Rural Water training in St. Cloud September budget meeting rescheduled for Monday, September 26th at 8:00 am. October regular meeting rescheduled for Tuesday the 11th at 6:00 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Construction Permits-

- #2022-28 Jim Nelson 117 Mn Ave - reroof
- #2022-29 Brent Redfield – reroof, windows replacement n/c
- #2022-30 Justin Oeffler – 2 egress windows - \$25. PW will look at their tile around the foundation to see if it runs into the sanitary sewer. Planning on October installation.
- #2022-31 – Nick Brown – installing fence – will not be approved tonight as there are property line issues. Richard spoke with him to let him know it wouldn't be approved tonight.

Joan made a motion to approve the MnDOT Cooperative Construction Agreement, 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Edie made a motion to approve the Consent agenda, to include the August 25, 2022 meeting minutes, minus the Resolution 2022-20, the Claims paid and Claims to be paid (Edie More reviewed), 2nd by Richard, motion carried.

Unfinished Business: Ben stated he'd like to establish a nuisance committee to review properties and get clarification so that nuisance notices aren't subject to just one person's opinion.

New business: Dave Radtke brought a gambling request for e-tabs and pull-tabs at the Orange Door, 6-months for MR youth football. After that the Ambulance Relief should be up and running and the term would end with MR youth football. Lon asked if that goes against the rules they have with the Fire Dept.

Joan made a motion to approve a gambling permit for the Orange Door, 2nd by Edie, motion carried.

Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm, 2nd by Richard, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor

City Clerk/Treasurer