

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
December 16, 2019

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeff Ross on Monday, December 16, 2019 with members Carlee Hunter, Matt Larson, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Jeff Ross present. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the agenda, second by Larson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Olson, carried.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Kay Ebeling and Amber Singleton presented an offer on the church located at 321 N Lake St. They would like to purchase the building to start a business and the building is almost ready to go which would allow them to be open within a month if the offer is accepted. No action on the offer was taken at this time.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2019-23 Accepting Final 2019 Tax Levy of \$570,407, Collectible in 2020, second by Larson. Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea, Hunter, abstain; Olson, yea; Ross, yea. Resolution 2019-20 approved.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented 2020 Enterprise Fund Budget-Water/Wastewater. Notable changes to the budget included an increase in the water supply line item due to filters for the reverse osmosis systems and increased in engineering in wastewater which will be used on study regarding needed upgrades at the wastewater plant. Motion by Olson to approve the 2020 budget for Water and Wastewater Department, second by Hunter, carried.

Hughes presented the 2020 Enterprise Fund Budget-Liquor Store. There were very few significant changes proposed for 2020. Motion by Ringnell to approve the 2020 budget for the Municipal Liquor Store, second by Olson, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to grant a 2.5% wage increase for full-time employees, second by Larson, carried.

Administrator Report

- Highway 4 Reconstruction Project meeting was held and items discussed included some curbs being redone to accommodate ADA requirements, replacement of the school crossing light, utility lines will be televised in case work is needed as well as work needed at the corner of Hwy 4 and W Temperance Lake Road
- Information regarding school crossing lights was presented.
- November Police Report was presented for review.

In other business, Councilor Ringnell asked if a grant should be submitted to the MN State Historical Society to help with repairs at the Community Hall. Councilor Hunter brought up several items including liquor store inventory sheets, receipt of funds for the 5K as well as the name of subcontractor who will remove the Zender building. Councilor Larson asked if any water has been found in the Community Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk