

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2020

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Ringnell on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 with members Carlee Hunter, Matt Larson, Kurt Olson, and Brad Ringnell present. Absent, Mayor Jeff Ross. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

In open public comment, Dick Zehms asked what the affect would be on his property taxes is some of the land was turned into a pollinator garden and that a neighbor is thinking about putting in solar panels. He also asked about the construction of the second cell tower and who would be liable for any damages.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Motion by Olson to approve a \$100 pull tab donation for the Southern Minnesota Greenwings, second by Larson, approved.

City Admin Hughes presented a pull tab request for Ruby's Pantry for assistance with an appreciation dinner. No action was taken on the request.

Sam Meixell of the Sherburn Fire Relief Association presented the 2019 Financial Report. The presentation noted that with the benefit level at the current amount of \$1,650 would require no extra contribution from the city. Meixell stated that the Relief Association would like to increase the benefit level to \$1,700 which also would not require a city contribution. Discussion on the proposed increase was held and some the items that were discussed were how the ratio was determined and where the funds are being invested. Motion by Larson to approve an increase to the benefit level \$1,700 pending approval by the Relief Association, second by Olson, carried with Ringnell abstaining.

Administrator Report

- January Police Report was presented for review.
- Representatives from Bolton & Menk were down to gather information regarding the placement of the Community Hall on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Work was started on a grant to MN Historical Society for repairs at the Sherburn TV Building.
- Annexation of the truck wash property was denied due to issues with the old railroad property
- Bolton & Menk will be at the March 2 meeting to present options for rehabilitation project at the wastewater plant.

In other business, Councilor Hunter asked about several items including when the leaf vac sign would be taken down, when the graffiti on building would be removed, update on the church and installation of the street light and if City Hall is closed if it can be put in the paper. Councilor Larson stated that a manhole by the bank is starting to go down.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Larson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk