

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
February 16, 2021

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Roesler on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 with members Carlee Hunter, Matt Larson, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell and Bob Roesler present. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, the meeting was held by electronic means.

Motion by Larson to approve the agenda as amended, second by Hunter. Larson, yea; Hunter, yea; Olson, yea; Ringnell, yea; Roesler, yea. The amended agenda was declared approved.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Larson. Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea; Hunter, yea; Olson, yea; Roesler, yea. Minutes were declared approved.

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented a Minnesota Statute regarding preparing an ordinance for the City which would require the insurance company to place 25% of a claim in escrow in the event of a structure fire. The escrow funds would be held until the property owner removes the structure or resolves the issue in some manner. This would be a protection for the City in case the owner walks away from the property in the damaged condition then the escrow amount would then be used by the City to remove the structure. Discussion was held regarding the possibility of certifying the charges to the property tax and what would happen if the property owner does not have insurance. Motion by Larson to authorize the City Administrator to work with the City Attorney to draft an ordinance, second by Olson. Larson, yea; Olson, yea; Ringnell, yea; Hunter, yea; Roesler, yea. Motion was declared approved.

Administrator Report

- January Police Report was presented for review
- Sale of 321 N Lake Street was completed on February 11 and suggestions are needed for the use of the proceeds.
- January Liquor Store Expense report was presented for review. Discussion was held on the potential upgrade to POS system for better operations with regards to credit card fees. The upgrade will save the money on the processing fees. Work is ongoing with the company to get a functional inventory system.
- Meeting was held with representatives from Tealwood regarding the insurance claim at Temperance Lake Ridge. A majority of the bills are in and the total loss appears to be approximately \$43,000 or more. Discussion held on the repairs that will be completed to prevent this from happening again as well as a potential increase to the value of the building.

In other business, Councilor Hunter asked about a parking of a camper on a property that does not look like it is a livable condition.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Larson. Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea; Olson, yea; Hunter, yea; Roesler, yea. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk