

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

August 2, 2021

A regular council meeting was duly called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Roesler on Monday, August 2, 2021 with members Carlee Hunter, Kurt Olson, Brad Ringnell, and Bob Roesler present. Absent: Matt Larson. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Kym Christiansen.

In open public comment, Martin County West Superintendent Cori Reynolds was present to introduce herself to the Council. Representative Bjorn Olson was present to introduce himself to the Council and provide an update regarding on priority at the Capital and legislative highlights.

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

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

Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Kelly Yahnke with Bolton & Menk was present to provide an update regarding the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation project. Mr. Yahnke provided a history of the project and explained why the updates are needed. Discussion included what is included in the blower room and garage expansion along with contractor availability. An advertisement for bids was reviewed and the bids will be due on September 9 via electronic means. Motion by Ringnell to authorize the advertisement for bids and approve the plans and specifications for the wastewater treatment plant rehabilitation project, second by Olson, carried.

Robert Kramer was present to discuss the outstanding special assessments for the property located at 201 W 1st Street. Mr. Kramer is planning on purchasing the property then removing the house that has fallen into great disrepair. The special assessments include delinquent utility bills as well as street assessment. It has been past practice to waive the delinquent utility bills and mowing assessments. No action was taken at this time.

City Admin/Police Chief Hughes presented an email from the Fox Lake Conservation League regarding the park board request for funds to help with the new playground equipment. The Fox Lake Conservation League approve a donation of \$1,900 and asked for the monthly contribution to the city be applied as well. Motion by Ringnell to approve the donation of \$1,900 and request the \$600 from the pull tab account, second by Olson, carried.

A draft 2020 audit was presented for review. The audit needs to be approve before August 15. A potential work session might be scheduled in the future on how to understand the audit. Motion by Ringnell to approve the 2020 audit, second by Hunter, carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve the combined water/sewer fund into 45% water and 55% wastewater, second by Olson, carried.

Administrator Report

- Reminder about the upcoming food trucks in the park.
- Certificate of Appreciation from the Minnesota Department of Health for 50 years for contributions made on behalf of community water fluoridation.

In other business, Councilor Hunter asked about the status of the grant for the Sherburn TV building. Hunter also stated that Center Logistics has started in the City.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell, second by Olson, carried. Meeting declared adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Kym Christiansen, Deputy Clerk