

Minutes of Public Hearing and City Council Meeting  
December 6, 2021

A public hearing and regular council meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Roesler on Monday, December 6, 2021 with members Carlee Miller, Bob Roesler, Kurt Olson, Matt Larson and Brad Ringnell. Also present City Admin/Police Chief Brad Hughes and Deputy Clerk Jessica Omgig.

Motion by Ringnell to approve November 22, 2021 minutes as written and sent to each council member for study, second by Larson, carried.

Discussion of items on the consent agenda. Water main breaks are expensive, a suggestion was made to call different businesses to hopefully get a better price in the future. Consent agenda including payment of bills was declared approved.

Public hearing on the Municipal Liquor Store. Remodel and COVID affected the net position for 2019 and 2020 of the liquor store. The off sale remodel was \$61, 514. Flooring, ceiling and other updates were done in the on sale portion during this time in the amount of \$37,053. This totals \$98,566 that was invested in the building in the last two years. When we received Federal COVID money some communities dispersed directly into their liquor stores. The funds dispersed to the City of Sherburn went into the Ambulance Department and the Municipal Liquor Store. To address income and expenses at the MLS Councilman Larson spent some time comparing prices. He visited comparable establishments in the area to find our food and drink prices were low. We have since made adjustments to our menu prices. Hours were also reduced. In 2020, credit card fees at the Liquor Store were over \$40,000 which are fees absorbed by the liquor store. We have now changed this process to charge the customer when they use their card for payment. It was noted that the Liquor Store has paid its own bills and it didn't come from the City general funds in 2020. There will be another hearing next year due to it still being 2 out of 3 years showing no profit even if this year shows to be profitable.

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing by Ringnell and second by Larson. Motion approved.

Earl Cordes and several members of the C&C were present to discuss Main Street Veteran's Memorial. They have been making improvements on Main Street, painting store fronts, putting out flower pots, adding awnings and benches. Wanted to thank the city for helping with the watering of the flower pots. C&C is requesting to put in a veteran's park with a memorial. The lot that is of interest to the C&C is currently an eye sore and has high visibility on Main St. They would like to place a monument that is dedicated to the veterans. They have a concept of what they would like to do. It would take 50-60 yards of the lot. Approval is needed from council to continue. C&C believes they could gain donations if they recognize businesses and donors on a plaque at the memorial. Mayor Roesler opened up the discussion to the council members. Miller made the motioned to table this item to further discussion. Second by Larson. Motion carried.

Motion by Ringnell to approve Resolution 2021-21 Accepting Redistribution Funds under the ARPA Act, second by Miller. Miller, yea; Ringnell, yea; Larson, yea; Olson, yea; Roesler, yea. Resolution 2021-21, 5-0 approved.

Off-Site Gambling Permit Request-Fox Lake Conservation Club, motion by Ringnell to allow gambling permit for Fox Lake Conservation Club for their annual meeting, second by Olson, carried.

Small Business License Renewals; cigarette renewal for Casey's General Store and Dollar General Store, Kum & Go for cigarette and off sale beer, Fork and Spoon DBA Cup and Saucer for 3.2 beer and wine/strong beer, Sherburn Municipal Liquor Store for liquor and wine. Motion to approve License renewals by Olson, second by Ringnell. Motion is carried.

#### Administrators Report

- Discussion on what is going to happen with the 211 N Prairie home. The City cannot sell it for a profit. Council discussed. Motion was made by Ringnell to remove the house, second by Larson Motion carried.
- The City does not own the Kenzie St. home, we are waiting on paperwork from the state. There are concerns about frozen pipes.

#### Miscellaneous

Councilman Ringnell brought up the IOOF building, he has concerns with the windows being open and whether or not it is being cleaned out. Do we have an end date? Also discussed, there are some street lights out in town. Federated is currently working on replacing some poles.

Motion to adjourn by Olson, second by Ringnell. Meeting declared adjourn at 5:55 p.m.

Jessica Omgvig, Deputy Clerk