

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING – 12.18.23

A regular council meeting was duly called to order by Mayor Robert Roesler at 5:00 p.m. Council members present: Brad Ringnell, Kurt Olson, Matt Larson. Not present: Sarah Kramer. Also present: Leslie Hefele, City Administrator and Andrea Ballard, Deputy Clerk.

Open Public Comments: None.

Approval of Agenda with the addition of Mike Schoen. Motion by Larson. Second by Olson. Carried.

Approval of 12.4.23 Minutes – Motion by Olson. Second by Larson. Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda – council received beginning of the month.

Regular Agenda

1. Mike Schoen, Resident of Sherburn, addressed the council with questions. First, about the grant for the Temperance Lake Road's new blacktop and the justification of this for road that is half owned by the township. Next on Schoen's list of questions was what are the long and short term plans for repairing other roads in town as there have not been repairs done in quite some time. Third question from Schoen was are we getting anything back from the investment made at Temperance Lake Ridge. Schoen's last question was in regards to the Emerald Ash Borer Grants. Mr. Schoen's questions were answered to his satisfaction by council and administration.
2. Scheduling for the first meeting in January of 2024. Motion by Ringnell to move the meeting to the 2nd at 5 p.m. Second by Olson. Carried.
3. Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST) – Hefele, Administrator explained to council the requirements and uses of this time that will be going into effect January 1st, 2024 per MN State Law. ESST is for all full time, part time, volunteer (Fire Department), and seasonal employees. Motion by Ringnell to adopt ESST Policy. Second by Olson. Carried.

Police Chief Report:

- Shop with a Cop was hosted this last Thursday. Volunteers from SWPD, SFD, WFD, Trimont City Hall, Trimont PD, and TLR. Volunteers shopped for 13 children and spent \$4400 with \$400 left over that is to be split and used for grocery gift cards for these families. TLR bus was used to transport kids and gifts to and from Walmart.
- Provided November monthly report – no questions were raised.

Administrative Update:

- Heat is fixed and running at Community Hall. There was a squirrel cage that was replaced and they needed a lift to do so. Also, a heater in the kitchen that had a bad inducer blower which has been repaired as well. Administration is waiting on a call back from Access Lifts in regards to the lift at the Community Hall.

Report from Mayor and Council Members:

- Roesler – December 27th mtg at 5:30 to act on Tax Abatement with a meeting to follow for budget.

Motion to adjourn by Ringnell at 5:53 p.m. Second by Larson. Carried.

Andrea Ballard, Deputy Clerk