

**City of Cleveland**  
Minutes  
Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.  
205 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, MN 56017

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Don McCabe, Council Members present: Justin Schabert, Tonya Schummer, Mark Hintgen, and Nancy Gens. City Staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Charles Hodge, Interim City Clerk-Treasure Gwyn Ploog, Police Chief Randy Tiegs, and Public Works Director Casey Volk

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Hintgen second by Schabert to approve. Voting: Yes - All

A Motion was made by Schabert second by Schummer to approve the minutes and bills. Voting: Yes – All

Public Comment – Stu McKee would like to purchase the land South of him which is the not vacated portion of 11<sup>th</sup> Street that lies between his property and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. He mentioned he has been mowing this property for 3 years. Schummer brought up different options that we can look into. This matter will be turned over to the City Attorney to discuss in the December meeting.

Elizabeth Cap wanted to discuss her concerns about her property line next to City Hall. She has been concerned about the rain water that runs off the storage building behind City Hall and runs between her house and City Hall. She also would like privacy between her property and City Hall parking lot which is located in the back of the building. She suggested she would like to put up a fence. Council mentioned that if Cap can indicate where the property line is then she can put up a fence on her property accordance to the ordinance and apply for a permit. Cap also has requested data regarding City Hall property line which the City is currently working with Le Sueur County Courthouse to get the information that was requested.

Police Report – The report was presented and approved. Chief Tiegs mentioned that the Police Department received a Minnesota State 2% Aide for the first time which was a little over \$10,000. Chief Tiegs also applied for a grant through the University of Minnesota for 3 defibrillators which would be for each squad car and for City Hall. If approved the grant would also include 10 years' worth of supplies for the defibrillators. Chief mentioned that on Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> would be coffee with a cop. On Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> the Police and Fire Departments will be putting on a Santa Parade. Chief Tiegs stated that Officer Taylor Troy resigned. The Chief also stated that there were 4 citations that were given to Residents for not cleaning up their yard.

Public Works Report – Volk reported that there was a sewer backup between 1<sup>st</sup> and Maple. Volk also reported the sanitary sewer line might be sagging and suggested to Council that we may need to televise to see if they can find anything wrong.

Volk presented a contract with Adam Wilmes (AW Dismantler) agree to store the 2 street sweepers, V plow, and misc. scrap (piping, sheet metal, etc.) until scrap pricing improve in which AW Dismantler will sale for the City. Motion to approve contract was made by Gens and second by Hintgen. Voting: Yes – All

Volk stated that the ballasts in the Community Room are starting to go and they will need to be replaced which Volk suggested to go to LED lighting. Volk also stated that he talked to Dewy Ploog to install the lighting with assistance by with city staff. Motion was made to have the lighting replaced in Community Room at City Hall if there is money in the budget by Gens and second by Schummer. Voting: Yes – All. Hodge stated that he would check the budget.

Volk indicated that MetroNet wants to put the colored tubing to cover wiring that runs up along the poles instead of grey u-guard tubing because it is cheaper. Council wanted for MetroNet to use grey u-guard tubing so it wouldn't be such an eyesore. A motion was made for MetroNet to use grey u-guard tubing instead of color tubing running up the poles by Schabert and second by Schummer. Voting: Yes – All

Volk also ordered a manhole cover for the main lift station on Columbia St. due to kids prying open the manhole cover and throwing rocks inside. The new cover has a lock and is heavier to help to avoid tampering.

Liquor Report – Mayor would like Liquor Committee take a look at the Muni budget to see if some expenses can possibly be cut by the end of the year.

Building Official Report – 1 deck replacement, 1 Re-roof, 1 water heater install

P&Z Report – No Report

EDA Report – No Report

Personnel Committee Report – A motion was made to hire Dylan Cesafsky as Public Works Worker by Schabert and second by Schummer. Voting: Yes - All

A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by Schummer to declare the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cleveland Fire Department Celebration, which will be on Saturday September 23, 2023, as a city festival to be covered under the city's liability insurance. Voting: Yes – All  
The Fire Department will be using the \$10,000 that was earmarked back in 2019.

A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by Schabert to approve Resolution 32-2022 Increasing Water and Sewer base rates and rates per 1,000 gallons. Voting: Yes – All

A Motion was made by Gens and second by Hintgen to approve Resolution 33-2022 Accepting donation to the City by Justin Schabert in the amount of \$125.00. Voting: Yes – Mayor, Schummer, Hintgen, and Gens. Abstained – Schabert

A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by Schummer to approve the payment of the City's Bond payments. Voting: Yes – All

A Motion was made by Gens and second by Schabert to approve the Canvassing of the Votes for the City Election on November 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Voting: Yes – All

Hodge mentioned that in the December 2022 Council Meeting we need set wages and benefits for 2023.

The Christmas lighting contest will take place mid to late December. Chief Tiegs volunteered putting together the judging panel.

A Motion was made by Schabert and second by Gens to set the Truth In Taxation public hearing for December 5, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Voting – Yes: All

A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by Schummer to approve LMCIT Worker’s Comp Premium. Voting: Yes – All

A Motion was made to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. by Schummer and second by Gens. Voting: Yes – All

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Don McCabe, Mayor

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Charles Hodge, City Clerk/Treasurer