

City of Cleveland
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.
205 4th Street, Cleveland, MN 56017

The regular meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Don McCabe, Council Members present: Tonya Schummer, Anne Hiller, Mark Hintgen, and Sarah McCabe. City Staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Charles Hodge, Interim Assistant City Clerk Gwyn Ploog, Public Works Director Casey Volk, Head Bartender Julie O'Malley, and City Auditor Greg Burkhardt

Approval of Agenda – Hodge amended the Agenda to remove Discuss Eric Koskinen Concert Funds under number 7 Item A due to finding the answer right before meeting. A Motion was made by Hiller and second by Schummer to approve the Agenda as amended. Voting: Yes - All

Approval of Minutes & Bills - A Motion was made by Hintgen second by Hiller. Voting: Yes - All

Public Comment – Resident Vickie Miller asked what they are doing behind the school. Mayor McCabe told Vickie that he was not for sure what the school was doing. Volk mentioned that he thinks that it is something for the greenhouse.

Burkhardt and Burkhardt Audit Findings - Greg Burkhardt presented the reports and stated he is very pleased with our results (see attached). City Clerk Hodge, was sent an electronic report and if anyone wants to see it, they should contact him. Most recommendations were for our Municipal Liquor Store. A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe to accept the 2022 Audit Report. Voting: Yes - All

Police Report – The monthly report was presented and approved, however Chief Tiegs had a prior appointment and was not about to attend the Council meeting.

Public Works Report – Volk mentioned that the hydrant flushing is complete and he also mentioned that street sweeping was completed.

Hiperline sealed our manholes and they found 17 leaks in one of the manholes.

Volk did receive another quote to replace one of the John Deere lawnmowers from a place in Northfield and there quote had the wrong size mower deck. The difference between this company and Kibble Equipment our of Mankato was \$500.00. A Motion was made by Hiller and second by Schummer to trade in the John Deere lawnmower with Kibble Equipment. Voting: Yes- All

Volk would like to have Council when they are free to take 20 – 30 minute ride around town with him to see what are problem areas are that need to be addressed and ones that need to be done in the future. Volk mentioned that he would be happy to work around Council's schedule. Hintgen brought up the street sweeper the city currently has that does not work and wanted to know what we should do with the sweeper. S. McCabe and Hintgen both suggested selling the parts. Mayor McCabe suggested seeing how much it is worth and how much it would cost to get it fixed also mentioning it would be nice to have one to use on occasion. Hiller asked Volk if he

could put together an itemized list of what it would take to do the repairs and the costs involved by the next council meeting to have something to judge it by. Volk told Hiller that he can contact a company in Northfield to come and look at it to see what it is valued at and what it would cost to fix.

Liquor Report – O'Malley mentioned that the Kevin Craft Comedy Show went very well and O'Malley has him scheduled to come back Saturday, July 15th between 5 pm – 7 pm.

She also mentioned the first Roll N will be on Friday, May 12th and the June Roll N will be on the Friday 16th to coincide with Cherry Creek Days.

The Muni will have a parade entry for Cherry Cheery entry. O'Malley mentioned that she is working on posters and banners.

Building Official Report – 2 re-roofs, 1 egress window, new dwelling, tile around a home w/ sump pump install.

P&Z Report – Barb Harris stepped down from the P&Z Committee and the City posted the vacant seat at the Post Office, Hometown Bank and at City Hall. The City received two applications and after reviewing both applications, a Motion was made by Hiller and second by Schummer to elect Karen Rogers. Voting: Yes – Mayor McCabe and S. McCabe. Abstained: Hintgen

EDA Report – No report

Personnel Committee Report – Schummer indicated that interviews start for the Assistant City Clerk position tomorrow; May 2nd. There will be seven interviews.

Schummer also mentioned that a new bartender was hired. Hintgen told the Council that we are going to have a Bartender Meeting on Sunday, May 7th. The April 16th meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Management Siren – Volk told Council that the siren on the West side of town does not work. He said that Alpha Wireless found that the cone was not maintained and they are supposed to maintain annually. We can replace it with a new one or have the old one refurbished which Volk said from what he understands that both options will cost about the same. Council was presented with two estimates that one was without a battery backup for about \$19,125 and the second one with battery backup for about \$20,305. Volk recommendation is to with the AC with a transformer so we are not messing with replacing batteries. A Motion was made Schummer and second by Hintgen to approve the AC powered Siren w/battery backup (Quote# 3157) Voting: Yes – All

Fire Dept. House Burn – Fire Chief Hahn would like to do a house-controlled burn on 315 2nd St. on June 11th. A Motion was made by Hintgen to approve the burning of the house on 315 2nd

St. on condition that all required inspections/approvals and disconnection have been done/given second by Hiller. Voting: Yes – All.

Residential Utility Bill Change – Resident Vickie Miller would like to see on the utility bills how many gallons of water we used, how much we are charged every month plus the 500 gallons that are included in that charge for both water and sewer. Miller mentioned about getting a new program and Mayor McCabe said that we just purchased a new system and would not purchase a new utility system. Mayor McCabe suggested we could put the calculation on how the water and sewer prices are calculated periodically on the back of the bills. Interim City Clerk Ploog mentioned the system only allows for so much information on the back of the cards but we could put it on the City Website on how to calculate the water and sewer as well.

Resolution 12-2023 – A Motion was made by Schummer and second by Hiller accepting donations to the City. Voting: Yes – All

Resolution 13-2023 – A Motion was made by Schummer and second Hiller approving Festival District for 2023. Voting: Yes – All

Resolution 14-2023 – A Motion was made by Hiller and second Schummer approving Jon Schabert Construction EDA Loan. Voting: Yes – All

Other Business – Steve Rohlring mentioned the state aide highways within Cleveland city limits there will not be any construction for 2023 on behalf of Le Sueur County. In 2024 the culvert down below Cherry will be replaced and there are some utilities (water, sewer and gas) that the city will need to move.

He wanted to remind everyone that County Rd 18 (Dog Creek Rd.) will be redone starting either the second or third week in June from County Rd 15 to County Rd 21 (Golf Course Rd.)

Rohlring mentioned that household hazardous waste drop off is May 11th in the city of Le Sueur at the Le Sueur City Maint. Shop from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rohlring also mentioned tire, appliance & electronics collection is on June 10th in the City of Le Center at the Le Sueur County Highway Dept. from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 6:51 by Hintgen and second by Hiller. Voting: Yes – All

Don McCabe, Mayor

Charles Hodge, City Clerk-Treasurer