

City of Cleveland
Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, November 6, 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, Mark Hintgen, Anne Hiller and Sarah McCabe. City Staff present: City Clerk-Treasurer Charles Hodge, Police Chief Randy Tiegs, Public Works Director Casey Volk, and Head Bartender Julie O'Malley. Also present: County Commissioner Steve Rohlfing.

Approval of Agenda – A Motion was made by Schummer and second by S. McCabe. Voting: Yes – All

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

Public Comment – No Comments

Police Report – The report was presented and approved. Chief Tiegs said there have been some requests to change the yield sign on the corner of Walnut Street & 3rd Court due to cars speeding. A Motion was made by Hiller and second by Hintgen to change the yield sign to a stop sign on the corner of Walnut Street & 3rd Court. Voting: Yes – All

Council discussed the Christmas Lighting Contest and they would like Police Department to coordinate as they have done in the past.

Public Works Report – Volk mentioned that he received his wastewater license and he would still need Jared Holland's help to get him setup. Jared Holland's contract with the City will end November 22, 2023. He also mentioned that the old street sweeper was purchase by AW Dismantler. Council Member Hintgen asked Volk if Ponwith was going to leave a row. Mayor McCabe said that Ponwith purchased new equipment to help reduce the amount of corn stocks that blow into nearby resident's property.

Liquor Report – O'Malley reported that the new Muni walk in cooler was installed on October 16th & 17th and the Muni was closed for those days. She also mentioned new shelving for the cooler arrived on Friday, November 3rd. O'Malley said that Customer Appreciation was great and it was busy.

Building Official Report – Permits for 2 reroofs, 1 boiler/water heater, 1 residing, 1 fence addition, 1 A/C and furnace unit and 1 shed.

P&Z Report – No report

EDA Report – No report

Personnel Committee Report – Schummer reported that they have three interviews on Thursday, November 9th for the Public Works Helper. She also reported that the temporary part-time person started today to help Volk in the meantime. Council approved the hiring of Bill Esser (temporary part-time Public Works Helper)

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 28-2023 – A Motion was made by Hiller and second by Schummer to Authorize the Purchase of Air Packs. Voting: Yes - All

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 25-2023 – A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by Hiller to Increase the Annual Benefit Level for Retired Fire Fighters. Voting: Yes - All

Resolution 26-2023 – A Motion was made by Hintgen and second by S. McCabe to approve an Increase Sewer & Water Usage Rates, West Jefferson Sewer District and Out of City Rates. Voting: Yes – All

Resolution 27-2023 – A Motion was made Schummer and second by Hintgen to approve Setting Bulk Water Rate. Voting: Yes - All

2024 Wages, Benefits Discussion and Reviews – City Clerk Hodge mentioned that in the December 2023 Council Meeting we need set wages and benefits for 2024.

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

Waiver of Liability and License Agreement Review – A Motion was made by S. McCabe and second by Schummer. Voting: Yes – All

Potential Residential Water Shut-off for Non-Payment – City Clerk Hodge informed Council that there are four households that are over three months behind on their utility payments. A Motion was made by S. McCabe and second by Schummer to shut of water to the four households due to non-payment on November 8th. Voting: Yes - All

Other Business – County Commissioner Steve Rohlfing gave an update on the West Jefferson Sewer District letting Council know that they will flushing from the lift station to Cleveland and it will take about 30,000 gallons due to sludge still in the line. Commissioner noted that they will pay for the water being used to the flushing at the normal flow rate to the City of Cleveland and also pay for the water at the bulk rate being used to flush the line. He also mentioned that Dog Creek Rd (County Rd 18) is open to traffic, however the county still has a few things they need to do to the road.

A Motion was made to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. by Hintgen and second by Hiller. Voting: Yes – All

Don McCabe, Mayor

Charles Hodge, City Clerk-Treasurer